

OCTAVES in ASTROLOGY

The Relationship between Personal and Transpersonal Planets in Astrology

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The discovery of the invisible planets in the solar system came with the advent of telescopes, expanding our view and understanding of the solar system and the universe. The newly discovered planets made big waves in the astrology world and added a completely new layer to our chart analysis, and a greater focus on identifying the evolution of consciousness. Pluto, Uranus, and Neptune were coined the Transpersonal Planets.

Transpersonal Planets: Higher Octave to Personal Planets

In this essay, I will discuss the interrelationship between the Transpersonal Planets **Pluto, Uranus, and Neptune**, and the Personal Planets **Mars, Mercury, and Venus**, respectively.

- What are octaves in astrology?
- How are octave planetary relationships determined?
- How does this knowledge enrich our chart analysis?

Octave definition in music:

In music, an octave is a series of eight notes occupying the interval between (and including) two notes, **one having twice the frequency of vibration of the other**

Octave definition in astrology:

When a planet is considered a higher octave of another, it elevates the common themes they represent from personal to transpersonal application.

Pluto is the higher octave of Mars. Common theme: the forces to power our lives – Active principle.

Uranus is the higher octave of Mercury. Common theme: the mental capacity to navigate life and solve problems – Mental Principle.

Neptune is the higher octave of Venus. Common theme: the desire to find solace, well-being, and value in our lives – Passive Principle.

A Look back the Emergence of the Transpersonal Planets – When the Invisible became Visible.

While the cycles of Transpersonal Planets were always influencing astrology irrespective of whether humans knew about them or not, the two gas giants, Uranus and Neptune, and the body in the far reaches of the solar system, Pluto, were discovered at times when historical events captured their influence on global culture in most dramatic ways.

URANUS – The Higher Mind and Human Civilization

Uranus was discovered on March 13, 1781 during the Industrial Revolution, when steam engines could facilitate production with greater speed and accuracy. This movement precipitated the growth of urbanization.

This time period also saw the decline of monarchies and the emergence of democratic systems of governance, notably through the United States revolution (1776) and the French revolution (1789).

The time of Uranus' discovery also coincided with the Age of Enlightenment in Western culture when science and intellectual movement favoring reason and empiricism became most prominent, diminishing the faith-centric influence of religion and animism in culture, governance, and education.

NEPTUNE – The Natural World, Fate, and the Eternity of Spirit

Neptune was discovered on September 23, 1846 (though spotted earlier by Galileo) during the time when the extraction of oil as a natural resource and refineries isolating kerosene spurred the Age of Petroleum.

The California gold rush (1848) spurred new dreams and new frontiers for adventurers conquering new grounds near the West Coast, extracting naturally available gold, as they hoped for quick wealth. Interestingly, in France, the period of "La Belle Epoque" (1871 – 1914) represented a return to innocence and optimism with focus on the arts, well-being, and entertainment, and an absence of war.

Charles Darwin (astro twin to Abraham Lincoln) published the Origin of Species exploring the natural developmental and adaptive trends of nature and the animal world (1859).

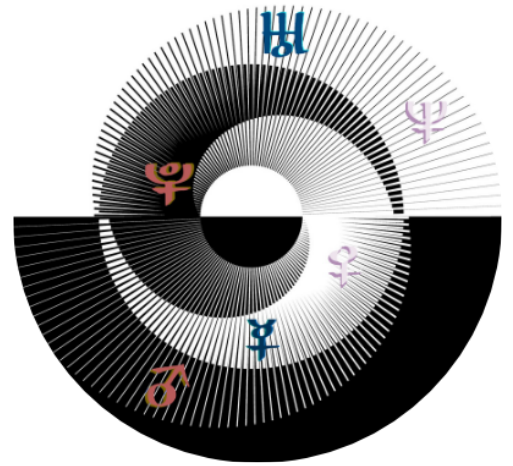
This time period also marked the disintegration of slavery in France (1848), and in the United States with the Emancipation Proclamation (1863), precipitating new social justice in America and beyond. Slavery is associated with Neptune, while emancipation with both Neptune and Uranus (Emancipation movements had begun in Europe and the Caribbean in the early 1800's). This was however contrasted by the Age of Imperialism, as European powers took over African, South East Asian, and Oceanian territory.

The late 19th century saw the migration of spiritual philosophies and practices from Asia, particularly India, introducing Western cultures to yoga and meditation, and concepts such as reincarnation and karma, contrasting the heavy scientific bias of the Enlightenment age.

The growing interest in Eastern philosophies spurred a revival of astrology after having fallen out of favor during the Age of Enlightenment. A whole movement of astrologers adapted a *growth oriented approach* to chart analysis, contrasting the earlier fated/deterministic approach. It appears that the discovery of Uranus and Neptune inspired a greater focus on the concept of consciousness in astrology. Theosophy, followed by Humanistic astrology (from the early 1900's), and later psychotherapist Carl Jung's influence (from the 1930's) contributed to this new development.

PLUTO – The Shadows and the Necessity of Transformation

Pluto was discovered on February 18, 1930 between the two World Wars and the rise of the Soviet Union, more specifically the brutality of Stalinism (1927), the rise of Hitler in Germany (1933), and the catastrophic stock market crash (1929) and ensuing years of depression. Pluto's emergence brought the threat and risk of absolute destruction not only with fascism taking over in the world, but the development of the Nuclear



bomb.

Following the utter devastation of WWII, the promise of rebirth and transformation saw the formation of the United Nations as an agent of peace and collaboration, the formation of modern Israel from the ashes of the Holocaust, and the baby boomer generation who catapulted economic development and prosperity.

Categorization of Planets in Astrology

Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto were categorized in astrology as the **Outer Planets**, though that term was not accurate since outer planets astronomically include any body beyond the asteroid belt, including Jupiter and Saturn. The term **Transpersonal Planets** more accurately defines their attributes since these planets represent the faculty we have to *develop our consciousness* and expand our views from a localized personal perspective to larger meanings and truths about life.

Let us unpack the categorization of planets in astrology:

The LUMINARIES: The MOON and the SUN

The Moon (ruling the sign of **Cancer**) and **the Sun** (ruling the sign of **Leo**) represent in our astrology charts the personal filters through which we process all of life's impressions and create personal meaning. They represent our 'control room' through which we *internalize* (Moon) everything we go through, give each experience a personal interpretation, and then *externalize* our life purposes (Sun) and take leadership of our own destinies. The luminaries represent the foundation of our self (ego), our personal consciousness, and the way *we matter* as individuals.

The PERSONAL Planets: MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS

Personal Planets are rocky bodies with a solid surface (astronomically we could include Earth in this category), positioned between the Sun and the Asteroid belt.

Astrologically, the personal planets represent how we organize daily functions to guarantee survival, health, stability, and productivity – make our life function.

Mercury (ruling the signs of **Gemini and Virgo**) represents our mental ability to figure things out, learn and prevent mistakes, navigate our environment, and organize our lives in routine functions. Mercury gives a sense of security by knowing and being prepared.

Venus (ruling the signs of **Taurus and Libra**) represents our ability to discern, find, and utilize resources in order to secure supplies for our survival. Resources can be internal (talents), material (land, food, materials), and can be traded with others (Venus represents relationships and exchange). Venus represents our ability to stabilize our lives, appreciate what is available, and feel satisfaction.

Venus gives a sense of security by having *continued* access to resources such as food, fuel, and alliances to make our lives safe and pleasant on a continual basis.

Mars (ruler of the sign of **Aries**, traditional ruler of the sign of **Scorpio**) represents our most primal self-preservation instinct, the spark to exist and overcome challenges and threats/predators. This includes our fighting spirit and pro-active involvement to make things happen, reach goals, and succeed at our endeavors. Mars represents our energy supplies, physical strength and resilience, and defense capacity.

Mars gives us a sense of security by being strong to withstand adversities, and courage to take risk in order to make our life happen.

The SOCIAL Planets: JUPITER and SATURN

Once we have established our personal life through the Luminaries and Personal Planets, Social Planets represent our need and incentive to integrate into the larger framework of society, larger meanings, and more collective dynamics. They represent the systems we operate through and *how we are conditioned* by the greater collective of our culture.

Through Jupiter and Saturn we find our role models who can be reliable and provide guidance, and the **ethical/moral references** to our actions and behaviors. In other ways, we may say that the Social Planets represent the teachers in our lives, including how we ourselves become teachers and role models for others.

Jupiter (ruling the sign of **Sagittarius**, and traditional ruler of the sign of **Pisces**) represents what we believe to be true and the meanings we give to our lives. These belief systems can originate from our family and culture, or be developed independently. They will guide our actions and lifestyle and what we ultimately do with our lives.

Jupiter represents how we can grow and expand, materially, academically, and spiritually, as we become involved with the larger whole. We can be part of more global dynamics and increase our potential through the resources provided by the larger framework of society.

Saturn (ruling the sign of **Capricorn** and traditional ruler of the sign of **Aquarius**) represents the greater order of life, the laws of existence that determine what works from what doesn't. These are physical as well as moral laws that we have adopted through **the experience of our ancestors** and our own life. In the course of our lives, parents, teachers, governments, and authority figures in general have the role of imparting to us these references of rights and wrongs.

These laws can lead us to success and general well-being, and every society attempts to implement these laws to secure collective function and productivity. However, humans need to continually redefine their understanding of the laws, because our understanding of right and wrong evolves over time.

The TRANSPERSONAL Planets: URANUS, NEPTUNE, and PLUTO

The Transpersonal Planets were the first planets to be discovered that were not visible to the naked eye (along with some of the main asteroids in the early 1800's). Astrologically, they represent the evolutionary forces of life, which engender *the evolution of our consciousness*.

While the seven visible bodies, from the Sun to Saturn, represent in astrology how we *build and establish* our lives, the Transpersonal Planets challenge our security and attachments to prompt us to embrace a larger reality beyond the confines of our current identity and comfort zone. They take us into the beyond, the unknown, so we may *realize* the greater Truth of life and live in greater spiritual alignment.

They bring doubt, change, sometimes destruction, and awakenings, by exposing the *limitations of our lives*. When we thought we were done, stable, and reached our goals, the Transpersonal Planets expose the cracks we did not see or denied to make us realize that the work is not done, that there is more to life than what we thought.

The more conscious we become of our evolutionary development, the more we can embrace and align with the higher intention and necessities of our spiritual growth as prompted by the influence of Transpersonal Planets.

Pluto became the modern ruler of the sign of **Scorpio**. It represents the necessity to shift our awareness from ego to soul, serving as the *gateway* between the personal and the transpersonal.

We are prompted to go *deeper* through Pluto's influence as we are confronted, often through crisis, by our limitations. What was initially safe and successful may fall apart and require a change in our life, internal or external. With the risk of collapse, endings, and suffering, we can experience a sense of defeat and are prompted to transform our ways. We have the opportunity through this transformation to rise from our limitations to a renewed and stronger sense of power.

Uranus became the modern ruler of the sign of **Aquarius**. It represents the incentive to *elevate* our perspective to gain a more objective and comprehensive understanding of life. This higher perspective requires that **we emotionally detach (de-personalize) from our biases and wishful thinking** to be more **neutral and clear-minded**. This dynamic is akin to a scientist doing research without imposing wishful thinking on the results—the art of observation from a high vantage point.

Uranus represents *awareness*, how we can use our higher mind to decipher the riddles of life, and by virtue of this knowledge, advance our condition and find lasting solutions to problems. As we become more aware, conscious, and knowledgeable, we can make better decisions, prevent suffering and crisis, and innovate. The mind becomes a creative instrument that allows us to **pro-actively make life better**. We expand our capacity to be co-creators in our life with the motivation to build a better future.

By fostering greater understanding and awareness, Uranus represents our ability to **build and advance civilization**. We become more refined, sophisticated, and efficient, rising above the limitations of primitive urges.

Neptune became the modern ruler of the sign of **Pisces**. It represents the incentive to harmonize with the totality of life, acknowledge and accept both the "good" and the "bad," to ultimately make life a happy experience. We learn through this influence that life is not about our wishful thinking, but about **a higher all-encompassing Truth**, albeit one we can only understand partially. We cannot change or influence this higher Truth, but realize it, accept it, and align with it. It is fate and beyond our control.

As we incarnate into a physical body and are caught in survival struggles and emotional situations, Neptune represents the need to remember the bigger picture, the larger meanings of life in our day to day material life—how everything is interconnected even if initially it all appears separate. In our personal world, we are reminded of the transpersonal Truth.

PLANETS RULING SIGNS

The term **rulership of a planet over a sign** ties both of them archetypically. A planet can *travel* in any sign as it goes through its revolution around the Sun, but it will *represent* the themes of the sign it rules anywhere it goes—it is a form of ambassador of the sign associated with it.

For example Mars spends about 6 weeks in each sign, but it will always represent the sign it rules, Aries themes, in those signs.

Traditionally, the rulership of the visible planets (Sun to Saturn) was neatly organized to follow an order expanding from the Moon and the Sun. **The Moon and the Sun were ruling the signs where the Sun travelled during the warmest and longest days (Northern hemisphere perspective)**, hence with the signs of Cancer and Leo.

From there, following the order of natural astronomical distance of each Personal Planet from the Sun, **Mercury** was associated with the signs of Gemini and Virgo, **Venus** with Taurus and Libra, and **Mars** with Aries and Scorpio.

Kaboom! True to their own nature, the discovery of the Transpersonal planets disrupted this order and caused doubt in the established order.

Uranus named after the sky God, representing innovation was more comprehensively representing Aquarius than Saturn ever did.

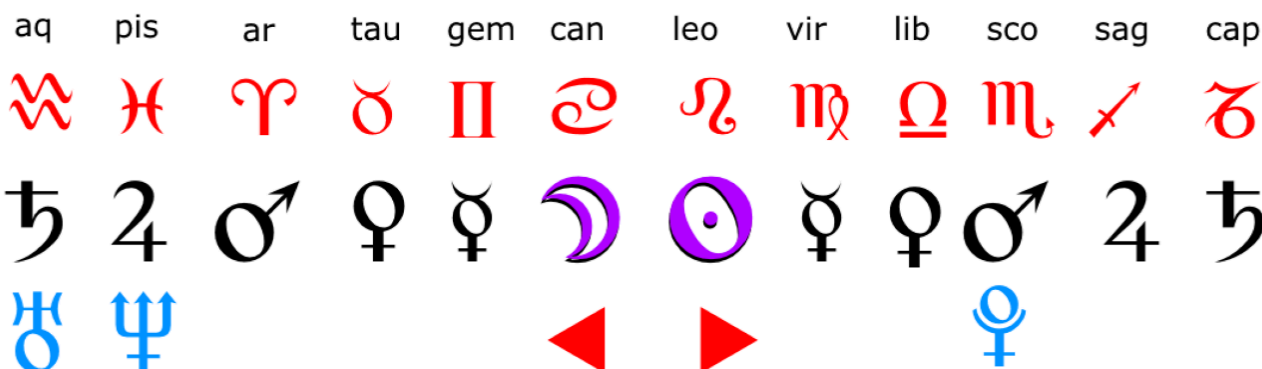
Neptune named after the God of the seas, representing the eternity of spirit and unconscious forces was more comprehensively representing Pisces than Jupiter ever did.

Pluto named after the God of the underworld, representing death and rebirth, shadow work, was more comprehensively representing Scorpio than Mars ever did.

Notwithstanding, many astrologers are reluctant to use modern rulerships and prefer to keep the original model, considering the Transpersonal Planets to be unaffiliated with a specific sign.

It may indeed seem odd that Pluto, the most distant planet to date (at the time of discovery), would rule the sign of Scorpio placed somewhere in the middle of the sign order, but with everything in astrology, we need to test our theories and verify whether they work in actual reality, even if at times they seem odd.

Modern Rulers of the signs



PLUTO is a Higher Octave of MARS – Outsmarting Death

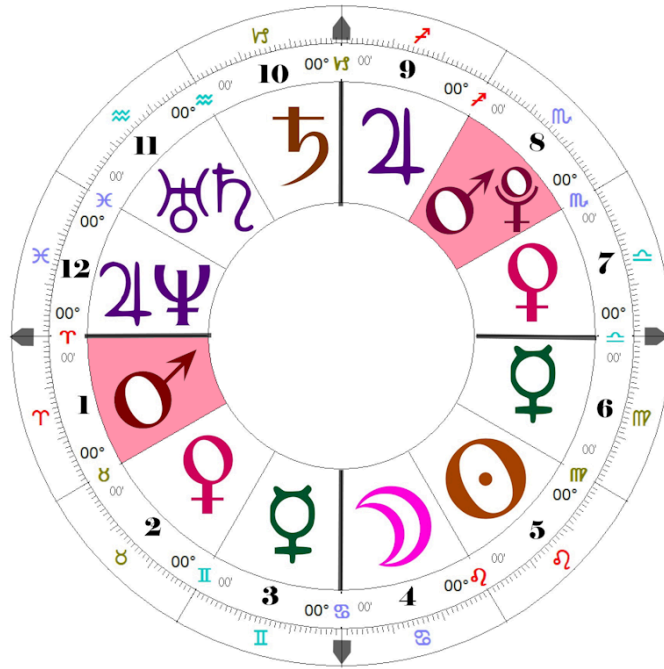
Mars ruling Aries – The Ignition of our Spark

The sign of **Aries** begins the zodiacal order of signs and represents **our birth into the material world—the ignition of our separate consciousness**. The separation from the womb to become autonomous beings turns us *from passive beings into active beings*. The energy to support us was initially provided through our mother, but with Aries and Mars, we now learn to generate our own supply and survival strategies.

Life begins as a battle. Looking at wildlife, we quickly realize how survival is threatened from the moment of birth. A foal needs to stand on four feet and be able to follow the herd, baby turtles hatching need to rush from their eggshell and dodge predators before reaching the ocean, (and then dodge the marine predators). This extraordinary self-preservation instinct requires a tremendous amount of energy. The adrenal glands are associated with Aries and Mars, and provide us with short emergency supplies of strength to confront danger and overcome challenges.

Another illustration for this dynamic can be experienced the moment we wake up and open our eyes every morning, similar to the birthing process, we transition from *passive sleep to active engagement*. Mars engages us to stand vertical and *do* our lives. Every day is a victory over death, a new goal reached.

As we go about developing ourselves from Aries/Mars through the following signs of Taurus, Gemini, and so on, all through the lower hemisphere signs, we eventually stabilize our lives, supply food, build shelter, develop our skills, find our allies, and create families. Lower hemisphere signs, Aries to Virgo, represent the establishment of our life and perfecting of skills – **we make our life function**.



Once we cross the Descendent axis, from Virgo to Libra, we begin to experience **what we lack**, and find out about *what others have that we don't*. Hence, the incentive to trade and gain from what others have to offer increases. (See Neptune/Venus octave description for more understanding of this dynamic).

Pluto ruling Scorpio – Gateway to the Transpersonal

Reaching the sign of Scorpio and its modern ruler Pluto, the sense of lack is confronting us with crises. We now may feel vulnerable, breakable, and diminished—the initial life force from Aries/Mars that got us going is now all the way up to Scorpio is at its last stretch—now we may be depleted. Scorpio and Pluto confront us with a crisis that exposes our limitations and the cracks in our lives. For example, the marriage we thought was solid can feel uncertain. We risk losing battles, facing rejection, losses, and self-doubt. We realize in this phase that we may not have all it takes to prevail, and (symbolic) death now looms.

The Astrology of OCTAVES

Part I



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Mars through Scorpio needs a recharge that only Pluto can provide. As Pluto represents shadow work and the need to dive deep into all our vulnerabilities, it makes us realize that something needs to change if we are to continue this journey. The transformation that occurs through Scorpio opens us up to the transpersonal consciousness—we realize we are part of a larger life meaning and forces. **Opening up to the transpersonal provides access to new sources and types of fuel and recharge.** We are prompted to change our ways through these deeper truths, and thus revitalize our life force. The shift from our personal perspective to a more comprehensive transpersonal perspective saves us from death.

MARS – Personal	PLUTO - Transpersonal
Rocky Red Planet	Rocky core, Red
Next to the Asteroid Belt	Next to the Kuiper Belt
Our ignition at birth	Our Rebith after transformation
Confronting challenges and adversities	Confronting the shadows
Physical strength and power	Psychological strength and power
Development of self	Evolution of our consciousness and soul
Never give up, every day is a victory	Never give up, make this life a victory
Fight or die	Transform or die
Gateway to our birth, engaging the self	Gateway to spiritual birth, engaging the soul
Energy supply, Life force	Replenishing of energy, boosting the Life force

URANUS is a Higher Octave of MERCURY – Uncovering the Logic in Chaos.

Gemini Mercury – Learning Life

The sign of **Gemini** represents our impulse to collect information from around in order to figure life out—information helps us find our way and know how to proceed in the maze of existence. As we learn and become more knowledgeable, we identify patterns and phenomena. When we find out about things, we can **name** them, and by expanding our vocabulary, we not only are able to communicate but also connect the dots of life—for example: bees, flower, pollination, are different words that come together to form a whole concept: fertilization. Things are interconnected.

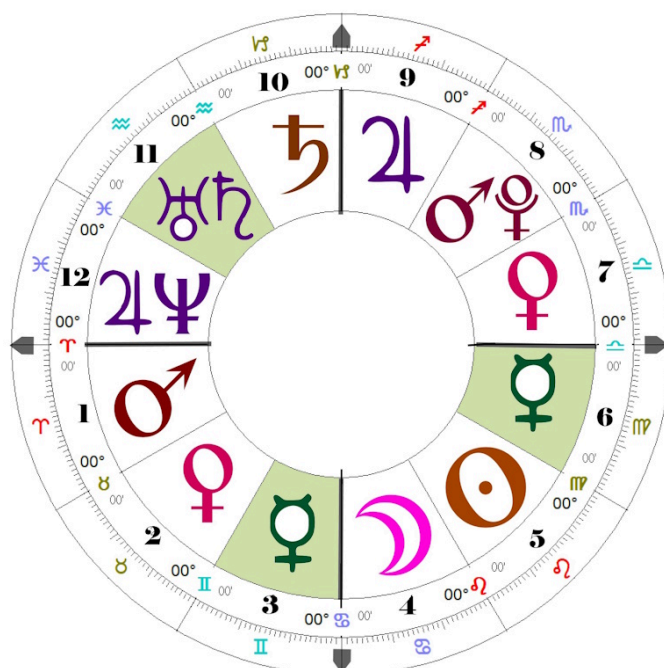
As we listen, take notes, read the signs, we find more **pieces of the puzzle** of life. **Mercury**, ruling **Gemini**, stimulates the urge to move around, explore the world, and examine the diversity of life forms. Exposure to life stimulates the mental gymnastics to uncover the logic of life—connecting the dots. In the natural order of signs, Gemini (knowledge) naturally squares Pisces (mystery); what is veiled and unknown through Pisces can be identified, named, categorized, and understood through Gemini.

Knowledge gained through Mercury's functions helps us **gain better control of our lives** and prevent crises. The more we know, the better our decisions are, the less mistakes we make. Mercury enables us to be informed and anticipate, and thus seize opportunities, and navigate our lives more successfully.

Virgo Mercury – Pro-actively managing life

Once we have explored the vast world surrounding us and developed an elaborate vocabulary and a library of information, the Virgo expression of Mercury represents the need to **empirically validate our knowledge by putting it into practice**: Gemini as an Air sign is mostly theoretical, whereas Virgo as an Earth sign focuses on the practical use from the data banks. In this phase, the intention is to **test and apply our knowledge to enhance the function of our lives**.

The more we know, the better we can control and manage resources. Resources are finite, sometime scarce. We only have one body, one piece of land, a limited amount of daylight to work—how can we maximize use and diminish waste? The knowledge gathered helps us **build tools to be more accurate and precise**, live healthier lives, and increase our yield with most efficient investment. A constant work in progress.



Mercury here represents **how our intelligence turns us into co-participants** in the management of life—not only for our own life, but life as a whole. How we **use our knowledge to improve the function of nature and use of resources** – organizing, processing, maintaining, improving yield. Without our intervention, decay, dust, mold, and disease may take over. We intervene to care for our hygiene, cut our hair and nails, prune our trees for better growth, discourage parasitic growth, fertilize arid land. Our involvement in managing resources is essential to life and creation; we are not here to be passive observers of life, but actively intervene for betterment.


Uranus ruling Aquarius – The Neutral Mind


The transpersonal nature of Uranus elevates Mercurial mental ability, analysis, and dexterity, to **the higher mind**. From the personal knowledge we gather through our encounters, Uranus takes us to a transpersonal understanding of life as a whole. The higher mind is without bias and personal expectations. Through the Uranus, 11th House, and Aquarius functions **we detach from our emotional attachments to do research and analyze results with more neutrality**—we become more objective and clear-minded.

Uranus elevates us to higher grounds to gain better and broader perspectives – the bird-eye view not only helps us see our lives “down here”, but explore what is “up there;” the place of our planet in the larger cosmic eco-system in space.

From physics to astrophysics, Uranus represents **the sum of all sciences that can help us progressively decode all life’s functions and origins**. We break the mysterious riddles of life, and accordingly, gain greater control over life with the aim to **enhance civilization** and improve conditions for our existence. The comprehensive knowledge gathered through Uranus provides solutions to everyday and existential problems: cures for diseases, easier access to resources, faster processing, and as a result, it enables the expansion of life’s span: living longer and better.

Perhaps the most important transpersonal function of Uranus is to elevate our function from successfully managing and improving our lives (Mercury) **to inventing new things that nature did not initially create**. Uranus opens the gate to intellectual creativity where humans gain the ability to enhance and upgrade their own world. It manifests in technological invention, computer sciences and the creation of Artificial Intelligence to accelerate and improve tasks and functions.





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Mercury (Gemini) Personal	Mercury (Virgo) Persona	Uranus (Aquarius) Transpersonal
88 Days around the Sun		84 Years around the Sun
2 degree tilt on its pole axis		98 degree tilt on its pole axis
Transportation		Space travel
	Microscope	Telescope
Data, Knowledge	Skills	Research
Understanding	Analysis	Awareness
Diversity	Efficiency	Upgrade
Learn	Apply	Invent
Read and Count	Build tools	Create what did not exist
Rational observation and thinking	Empirical testing	New Paradigms
Identify Issues	Fix, Heal, Improve	Build better systems
Urbanism	Productivity	Civilization
Fast	Precise	Accelerate, Enhance, Accurate
Learning nature	Using nature	Changing nature
Left brain (rational)		The whole brain

NEPTUNE is the Higher Octave of VENUS – The Integration of Spirit into Matter for Well-Being

Taurus Venus – Incarnation of Spirit into Matter

The sign of Taurus represents our physical incarnation, the descent of spirit into matter. The body becomes the temple of the soul, while land and nature produce food to sustain our physical existence—The cow, symbol, of Taurus represents the nourishment of milk and meat, while cattle were commonly used as currency (value).

Through Taurus we develop our senses, in particular **smell, touch, and taste**, allowing us to discern what is good for us from what isn't. Through the senses we can appreciate and evaluate, choose what to keep and what to seek. The physical geometry of nature captures what is beautiful to our senses; accordingly, proportion and balance are key to feeling good. Through Taurus, we can find comfort, satisfaction, and pleasure help our spirit better integrate into the density of matter.

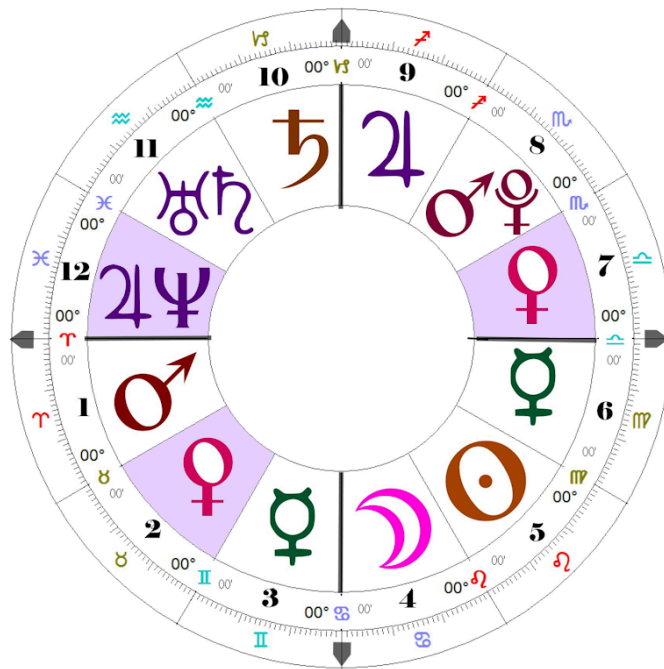
Taurus represents what **resources are available** to sustain us. Since food is essential, we learn not to only to find food but to cultivate it and secure longer term survival. This can entail **owning land** and becoming more sedentary to tend to it. Resources can also include personal **inborn talents**, whether that is having a fast brain, a good singing voice, or a green thumb. These talents help us being productive and bring value to our existence. Through Taurus we learn to rely on **what we have** and become as **self-sufficient** as possible.

Libra Venus – The Balance of Opposites

Once we have established survival and value in what we have through Taurus, Libra represents the awareness of **what we lack**, and what we may need from others to improve our odds of well-being and survival. Self-sufficiency reaches its limits when new challenges confront us with the need to find new resources. We become aware that people living in different environments and conditions have developed means and talents that we could not generate, but need. Thus, the incentive to **connect, trade, and form partnerships** becomes essential for survival.

Through Libra we find value in supply and demand. **If we need what others have, do they value our yield in return?** For a fair trade, we need to first value ourselves through Taurus before we engage in an exchange with others through Libra. The strength of our currency can lead to a **healthy partnership and mutual satisfaction**—otherwise, the risk of low self-value can make us vulnerable when engaging with others, even to the point of ending up being taken advantage of.

Sharing resources and joining forces through Libra strengthens us, as long as the exchange remains balanced and fair. Since we now rely on others more, we become more sensitized to the reality of our partner's need and become better listeners—if they are happy, we gain from that. Our sense of satisfaction through the Libra side of Venus is in fairness, balance, and enrichment.



Neptune ruling Pisces – Existential Well-Being

Neptune represents our relationship with life as a whole. We realize that our individuality (personal) is interlinked with everything else, and that in **order for us to thrive, the whole eco-system must thrive** (transpersonal). We have an unconscious memory of everything originating from the same womb, and so despite our visible differences, we realize that we are made of the same materials and share common goals—tall or short, animal or human, we all yearn for survival, health, and well-being. Even planets and minerals seek health and sustainability. **Accordingly, we can also argue that anything alive will respond to love.**

Through Neptune, the 12th house, and Pisces, we find the **common denominators that unify everything beyond space and time**. While Venus represents our personal sense of satisfaction and sustainability, Neptune's transpersonal quality represents **what life means as a whole**, and whether it is good. Neptune represents the eternity of Truth: **what is true for all, everywhere, everyone, and always**; this all encompassing Truth is mostly veiled, but we see and experience glimpses of it. We then ask ourselves, at the end of the day, "are we happy with our life? With life as a whole?" While going through life experiences of pleasure, grace, beauty, suffering, and hardship, do we find existential well-being?

Neptune represents the higher forces of life, the vastness of how it all came to be. Our personal life is a blip in this continuum, almost seeming to be insignificant. Thus, Neptune represents what we cannot actively control or change—our only choice is whether we accept life or not; **all elements are available to sustain us without effort on our part: light, oxygen, water, and solid food**. We did not create any of it, but it is there for us, like nutrients provided in a womb. **We passively receive and take for granted** they will always be available. We don't have much of a say about it, but can appreciate the natural and divine providence.

While we live in the material world, Neptune represents our spiritual nature. It captures the larger meanings that inspire our day to day desires and action. We can examine in this octave relationship how spirituality (Neptune) is represented in the material world (Venus).

Venus (Taurus) Personal	Venus (Libra) Personal	Neptune (Pisces) Transpersonal
Least Orbital Eccentricity – Orbit circular		2nd least Orbital eccentricity – Orbit circular
Harmony in the physical	Harmony in relationships	Harmony in existence
Value and accept what you have, who you are	Value and accept others	Value and accept life
Physical	Relational	Spiritual
Stability	Balance	Equanimity
Comfort	Satisfaction	Well-being
What we have	What we receive from others	What no one can own, and belongs to everyone
Me, Here	You, There	Everyone, Everywhere
Relative value	Relative perspective	Absolute
One	Duality	Oneness / Singularity
Point	Middle Way	Omnidirectional
Descend	Reach out	Ascend



Explore this video to understand the full scope of the VENUS/NEPTUNE OCTAVE relationship.

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