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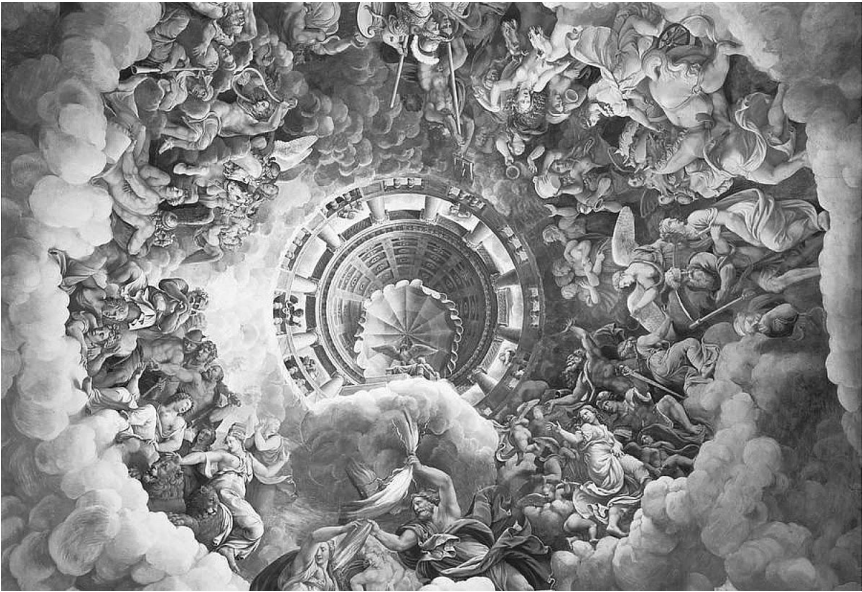
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Gods of Olympus, 1534-35, Giulio Romano

Introduction

There is nothing that will bring people to astrology like an Outer Planet transit. Being visited by a generational planet, heavy with myth and purpose, symbolizes deep change. The rarity of the transit means that we are likely to have a unique experience, over some time, not to be repeated in the same way over this incarnation. As planets that represent karmic changes, we might feel a strong sense of fate, and therefore a lack of agency, for what takes place. Outer Planet transits present us with strong tendencies towards clearing and cleansing. They have a draining quality, that at times brings relief, but usually comes with complex feelings, including sadness, regret, and powerlessness. Yet, Outer planet transits stand out over the course of the trajectory of our lives. They indicate moments that make us who we are. Moments that help us to chisel the best of who we have yet to be, which is often

representative of a new version, greater than what we could have planned for ourselves.

The concept of a transit represents an energy that flows through a period of time, akin to being in transit at airports—where movement occurs between locations without reaching the final destination. When one is in transit, it indicates either boarding a plane or awaiting one, transitioning from one airport to another. It's not solely about the destination or one's residence; rather, it encompasses movement and the passage of time. The primary focus of this book lies in navigating transitional phases in life, particularly when large energies seek to reenergize and reinvent key areas of life, over an extended period of time. These moments present opportunities for personal growth and the embodiment of greater love and wisdom, irrespective of the challenges they may present.

The Book is called *Of Ravens & Dragonflies* for how I consider them to represent the Outer Planets, and their transits. Ravens can be considered symbols of Pluto, for they hold mystical qualities of change and endings. Dragon Flies are clearly symbolic of Uranus, for the bright light they bring in the dark. And the two together represent the magic that is Neptune. The ability to see them symbolically at all is a leap of imagination and faith, so necessary in astrological practice, and it's search for holistic truth.

As Ibn Arabi eloquently upheld, life's ultimate purpose is to recognize one's divine essence and embody love and wisdom in all endeavors. We know journey towards self-actualization requires embracing challenges and acknowledging one's inherent greatness, but as soon as

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that intent is undertaken with arrogance, the Outer Planet transit will ensure to restore humility. Moving forward, it's essential to approach Outer Planet transits with a sense of empowerment and choice, viewing them as opportunities for spiritual evolution rather than sources of fear or despair. By setting intentions aligned with love and growth, individuals can navigate these cosmic energies with grace and resilience, ultimately emerging stronger and wiser.

Each Outer Planet transit operates within extremes, and none promise a stable path forward. They do promise that there will be a cleansing. Each Outer Planet has a draining quality to its energy, and as it moves through a natal house with its' transit, we'll likely be on an extended journey, which at times might feel uncertain in its stability, but will likely take us to new, better place, over the course of years. In the turmoil and pain sometimes experienced during these transits, transformative forces emerge, guiding individuals towards a deeper understanding of themselves and their purpose. While the journey may be fraught with challenges and uncertainties, it ultimately leads to profound self-discovery and spiritual growth. By embracing change and facing adversity with courage and resilience, individuals can harness the transformative power of these cosmic energies to become their highest selves.

Each planet represents a different aspect of the human experience. Understanding the core energies of the Outer Planets—Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto—can provide profound insights into personal growth and transformation. The nature of the Outer Planets is extreme. Its presence is often undeniable, for how it demands change occur. As

far as we go towards one of the extremes, the more likely the snap back occurs for us to know the other. Along the way, we do the best we can, as part of learning the karmic lessons that Outer Planet transits are meant to present to us.

Uranus is a dance between rebellion and revolution. Uranus symbolizes awakening, inspiring sudden shifts and breakthroughs in our lives. It's like being jolted awake from a deep slumber, feeling the electric charge of change coursing through our veins. When Uranus transits a personal planet in our birth chart, it's akin to diving head first into a pool of innovation and revolution.

Neptune is a dance between inspiration and disappointment. Neptune, on the other hand, embodies the ideal and the dream. It invites us to explore the depths of our imagination and connect with the divine realms beyond the mundane. Imagine the moon—our innermost essence—plunging into a pool of Neptune's waters, where reality merges with fantasy and boundaries blur. It's like navigating through a sea of dreams, where illusions and illusions intertwine, and we're left to decipher the riddles of our subconscious.

Pluto is a dance between power and powerlessness. Pluto represents the darker, more intense aspects of transformation. It demands that we confront the shadows lurking within and embrace the inevitability of change. Picture the moon descending into the abyss of Pluto's realm, where the waters run deep with ancient truths and buried secrets. It's a journey of reckoning, where we must confront our deepest fears and emerge reborn from the ashes of our former selves.

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These big energies, when transiting personal planets in an individual's birth chart, can bring about significant shifts, the journey of which lasts several years. They challenge us to confront aspects of ourselves and our lives that may have remained hidden or unexplored. Embracing these challenges with consciousness and intentionality allows us to harness their transformative power and emerge stronger and more aligned with our true selves.

Regarding the question of whether big transits in our natal charts are fated or allow room for free will, it's a profound existential question. However, it's believed that these transits represent pivotal moments in our lives where change is necessary and inevitable. Regardless of the challenges or experiences encountered during these periods, they ultimately contribute to personal growth and evolution. These moments are seen as symbolic representations of the soul's journey, suggesting that the soul may be ready for such experiences.

For example, I recall a classmate who initially aspired to corporate success, but as Pluto neared her 1st House of identity, her priorities shifted dramatically. Instead of pursuing career ambitions, she embraced motherhood wholeheartedly, finding fulfillment in a role she had never envisioned for herself. Similarly, another acquaintance, feeling stagnant in her academic and artistic pursuits, found renewed purpose after Pluto's transit, deciding to pursue a career in law. These anecdotes demonstrate the transformative power of allowing oneself to adapt and evolve with changing circumstances and dreams.

Visualizing transits as equations helps us grasp the emotional impact of these cosmic alignments. A transformative energy, with its own unique characteristics, arrives in an astrological house and will stay there for an extended period of time, as is the case with slow moving Outer Planets. The duration and intensity of these transits vary, but their effects are undeniable. They challenge us to confront aspects of ourselves and our lives that may have remained hidden or unexplored. Embracing these challenges with consciousness and intentionality allows us to harness their transformative power and emerge stronger and more aligned with our true selves. By understanding the dynamics of these transits and their interactions with our natal planets, we gain deeper insights into the mysteries of our own lives and the forces shaping our destinies.

This book does assume some working knowledge of astrology, including some of the basic language and jargon that become a mainstay of students of astrology; newbies and professionals alike. An introduction to these core concepts, especially a description of the houses in the astrological chart, have a look at my book, *Astrology Realized*. It represents working knowledge, which allows confidence to keep up with the information presented here with ease.

Additionally, more contemplations on the origin myths of the main astrological planets are in my book, *Prayers To The Sky*. Presented as my own practices in 'Astrological Magic Lite', my hope is that it encourages personalized, ritualized ways to deepen our own relationship with the deities of the sky.

Trusting The Journey Towards Authenticity

All Outer Planet transits are designed to orient us towards authenticity. The more off course we have gotten from living and being authentically in the area of life represented by the house, the more drastic and dramatically the transit will be felt. This is doubly so if we try to hang on to the way things were. holding tight makes everything related to that area of life infinitely more difficult. it is in acceptance, and practicing trust in a wise and loving universe, that we are moved towards new understandings that are better than what we knew before. More rewarding, even if at times, those rewards are hard-earned through challenges and losses. tremendous gains can be made when we approach the sky with humility and an open heart.

However, we might go about it, whether through meditation, prayer, or the Law of Attraction, it is normal to ask of the Universe. Sometimes we can feel it in our bones; our ask is BIG. we think that we are requesting is a mighty ask. but from the perspective of the universe, it is a very limited vision of all that could be possible to us from a higher, more loving perspective, and a greater mystery of the intent of our creation, than anything we could ever begin to contemplate for ourselves, until it arrives and life gives us no other choice.

Think of transits as representing a journey, over which growth and change must occur. we will likely not be immersed in all possible manifestations of the Outer Planet moving through a specific house, and all the layers each holds. rather, some ways of experiencing this moving energy will be more dominant at one time, while other

manifestations take the lead at other times. along the way of these transits, each spanning several years, we are likely to experience many possible iterations, in varying degrees, so that we might know ourselves by knowing this area of life more deeply.

The Outer Planets and their transits are set up to get our desires, which often come from our ego, formed during our wounding, out of the way, so that we might be receptive to this other vision. the journey requires humility. the process might be tiring. however, the rewards are worth the effort. on the other side of the Outer Planet transit, we find ourselves, and who we truly are. As we begin this journey, we might not even know that we don't know just what that vision could be. it can only be uncovered during the journey there. my hope is, that it is as gentle as possible and as joyous and exciting as it could be.

The Connection To The Sky Is Uniquely One's Own

Developing an emotional connection to the planets is key to being the best astrologer we can be. It starts by delving into the symbolic significance of the stories we find in mythologies. It is here we begin comprehending the planets as embodiments of ancient Gods and Goddesses. This emotional bond is crucial for a profound understanding of astrology. While acknowledging the importance of grasping astrological concepts such as transits through different houses, fostering a personal connection over relying solely on analytical interpretations or “cookbook” explanations is how we make our practice something truly our own; something sacred to and for the individual. However, this book is presented in the exact cookbook style that allows

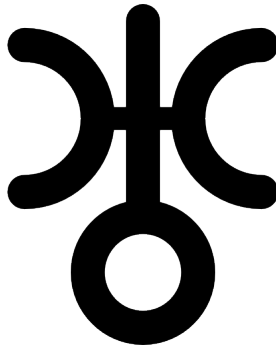
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beginner and intermediate students to find the language they need to describe an astrological phenomenon. My hope is that this book can be a type of reference guide. When a transit is coming, or we are in the middle of one, my hope is that one can easily go to the corresponding section and explore an interpretation that might help shed light on where we are on our journey within. In this way, we can keep this book on hand to come back to again and again, as often as we'd like. Ultimately, transits serve as reminders of the awakened Gods and Goddesses within us.

We are beyond an embodiment of the universe. Each individual is a universe in a multiverse, as are we all. When we delve into understanding our astrological chart, when we grasp the concept of transits and perceive them as visits from Gods already residing within, I believe that awareness enhances our proficiency as an astrologer and equips us better to navigate through any transit.



Marolles' "Tableaux du Temple des Muses" (Paris, 1655)



Uranus

Mythologies of Uranus

Uranus was the father of the Titans, born from his union with Gaia. Initially, their love was profound, resulting in the birth of twelve children who displayed unpredictable and power-seeking behaviors. However, Uranus grew paranoid, suspecting his offspring of plotting against him. In response, he imprisoned them deep within Gaia, causing her dismay. As Uranus's paranoia intensified, his children became increasingly grotesque. These monstrous figures, such as the Cyclops, instilled fear even in Uranus, leading him to bury them deeper underground. Gaia, witnessing Uranus's actions and his promiscuity, was appalled. She urged her children to rebel against Uranus, but only Saturn agreed. Saturn, wielding a sickle, castrated Uranus while he slept, tossing his testicles into the sea, from which Aphrodite emerged. This myth illustrates the complex nature of love, as Aphrodite's birth arises from a violent act, born of the desire for freedom. Love, depicted here as

erratic and potentially castrating, requires freedom to thrive. The mythology of Uranus, particularly in relation to his offspring, reflects a fear of one's potential and the erratic manifestations of Uranian energy, which are often discordant and conflicted.

The essence of Uranus contrasts sharply with our conventional understanding of peace. While Neptune is often perceived as the epitome of peace, even its energy can manifest in lower vibrations, as we'll delve into next week. Uranus, on the other hand, embodies an incredible principle that is both erratic and evokes fear, particularly the fear of change. When we resist change and attempt to suppress it, it tends to manifest in more dramatic and grotesque ways. The lesson lies in our willingness to confront and embrace the energy of change as it arises. By doing so, we avoid the risk of experiencing a metaphorical castration. Uranus symbolizes androgyny in some symbolic interpretations, perhaps epitomized by the act of his castration. Paradoxically, this act may be necessary for love to flourish within us.

Sometimes, finding peace with Uranus isn't an option, particularly during challenging transits like squares or oppositions. In these instances, change is inevitable and irreversible, regardless of our preferences or efforts. We're left with no choice but to adapt to the new circumstances. Though we might feel in chaos during the transit, on the other side, there is the promise of peace that comes from not living a lie. However, there are occasions when we're attuned to the energy and can navigate the changes consciously. Despite the upheaval, we can approach these shifts in a manner that feels natural and organic, allowing us to embrace the transformation. There are various ways to

attune to the vibration of Uranus, but one thing remains constant: change will occur. Resisting this change only serves to intensify the struggle. Embracing it, on the other hand, offers a smoother path forward.

Prometheus As Uranus

Richard Tarnas proposes Prometheus as the archetypal embodiment of Uranus, as explored in his published essay, "Prometheus the Awakener." In this book, Tarnas delves into the myth of Prometheus and how it may encapsulate an understanding of Uranus's symbolism and its archetypal expression in astrology.

Prometheus, a son of Zeus, harbored a deep affection for humanity. He admired humans and frequently visited Earth to interact with them. At the time, while the Gods possessed fire, humans did not. Prometheus approached Zeus, suggesting that humans could benefit greatly from having fire. However, Zeus adamantly refused, denying humans access to fire. Despite Zeus's decree, Prometheus persisted, repeatedly pleading for fire on behalf of humanity. Yet, Zeus remained steadfast in his refusal. Undeterred, Prometheus took matters into his own hands and bestowed fire upon humans regardless of Zeus's prohibition. This act fundamentally transformed humanity, igniting the spark that enabled life as we know it to flourish. Zeus, incensed by Prometheus's defiance, summoned him and reprimanded him for disobeying his orders. Prometheus, undaunted, defended his actions, asserting that providing fire to humans was ultimately beneficial.

Zeus, angered by Prometheus's defiance, decided that Prometheus must suffer for his betrayal and disobedience. He bound Prometheus to a mountain, where he remained restrained by unbreakable ropes. Every day at sunrise, a crow would arrive to peck at Prometheus's liver, causing excruciating pain. Despite the torment, Prometheus's liver would regenerate overnight, only to be torn out again by the crow the next day. Some versions of the myth suggest that this torture endured for a thousand nights, while others claim it lasted for a thousand years. Eventually, Hercules, Prometheus's half-brother, intervened on his behalf. Hercules approached Zeus and appealed to him, arguing that Prometheus had endured enough suffering. After negotiations, Zeus relented, and Hercules freed Prometheus by killing the crow and severing the ropes that bound him.

Fire serves as a potent symbol in this myth and various cultures, representing consciousness, creativity, and progress. Its presence often signifies a significant advancement in human development, symbolizing a step forward in understanding and enlightenment. Uranus serves as a catalyst for raising our consciousness, urging us to step up and understand ourselves in ways that transcend the limitations of the past. It ignites a spark of freedom within the darkness of unconsciousness, compelling us to become more aware and to confront aspects of ourselves that we may have previously ignored. As fire brought freedom to humanity, transits of Uranus can bring new light and a new creative spark that can be profoundly destructive, and yet undeniably elevating and transformative.

While this process can be challenging, resisting Uranus's transformative influence only amplifies the difficulties. Just like fire, which can be both destructive and transformative, Uranus disrupts the status quo, shaking us out of complacency and prompting significant shifts in our lives. Embracing this energy allows for earnest change and growth, opening up possibilities that would otherwise remain dormant. Uranus transits mark moments when everything can change, offering opportunities for personal evolution and awakening.

Conditioning and Uranus

According to Jeff Wolf Green, Uranus symbolizes liberation from conditioned behaviors and the journey toward embracing our true selves. As detailed in his book, *Uranus: Freedom From The Known*, when Uranus transits through a particular house in the chart, it signifies an exploration toward becoming who we were created to be, shedding the layers of societal conditioning. This shift is often felt immediately upon Uranus's entry into the new house.

Uranus entering the 11th House might bring rapid changes in friendships, alliances, and social interactions. We become more active and engaged with others, and friendships become increasingly important. While these shifts may happen swiftly, the overall Uranus transit unfolds gradually, marked by both subtle and deeply felt changes. Peak moments during the transit occur when Uranus forms significant aspects with other planets in the natal chart, such as squares, conjunctions, or sextiles. These moments represent peaks of transformation within the larger transit. However, regardless of whether

the changes are gradual or occur in peak moments, the energy of Uranus remains persistent, urging towards greater freedom and authenticity. Therefore, wherever Uranus is transiting the chart, it serves as a guide to finding liberation and breaking free from any feelings of stagnation or limitation. By aligning with the energy of Uranus and focusing on the themes of the transiting house, we can initiate transformative shifts in our lives.



Exhibit in the Museo Gregoriano Etrusco - Vatican Museums

Uranus Transits Through The Houses

Much of our experience with Uranus is influenced by our natal Uranus placement, which shapes our unique relationship with Uranian energy from the moment of our birth. Our natal Uranus signifies our individual embodiment of this divine archetype, akin to being an embodiment of divinity in this lifetime. This perspective underlines the importance of understanding the mythologies associated with these divine energies. By grasping the myths, we awaken the energy of the corresponding deity within ourselves. “All else being equal” is something to take into consideration with all these interpretations. If the natal Ascendant (AC) is trine the natal Sun, we’ll experience the move of Uranus into the 1st House very differently than someone who has natal Sun square their Ascendant.

There are core energies and archetypal experiences we can expect as Uranus transits through a house of the natal chart. How much we embrace them and how we flow with them might be more dependent on how Uranus is aspecting other parts of the chart while making its transit. While astrology serves as a spiritual practice for me, I acknowledge that each astrologer approaches it differently, based on their own world view and inclinations. Regardless of our approach, our engagement with Uranus and its transits is deeply influenced by our starting point; the birth chart. Examining aspects such as dominant squares or harmonious trines in the birth chart can provide insight into how we're likely to respond to Uranus transits. It's essential to recognize that our consciousness can evolve over time, altering our experience of Uranian energy. Ultimately, Uranus serves as an invitation to raise our consciousness and embrace transformation, much like Prometheus's gift of fire elevated human awareness.

When Uranus transits into a new house in our natal chart, its impact is often immediately felt. Events occur, shifts happen, and we start perceiving that area of life in a different light. These changes often manifest externally, reflecting Uranus's embodiment of freedom and authenticity. If we find ourselves feeling stuck or stifled, longing for change in life, I advise embracing the natal Uranian energy. Identify the house and sign where Uranus resides in the birth chart. Want to feel more free? Embody the qualities of that sign by behaving like what someone of that sign would act like. Consider making changes or welcoming in new experiences that correspond to the house the natal Uranus resides in, even if that house has nothing to do with where one is feeling stuck.

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If Uranus is in the natal 9th House and there is a sense of stagnation with work, consider taking a trip to a new place. If Uranus is in the natal 5th House and there is a sense of lack of financial opportunity, go on a date with someone completely different, try unconventional dating methods, spend time with the children in one's life, or give energy to a creative project. If Uranus is in the 11th House and there is a feeling of confinement in the day job, explore new types of gatherings and events. Though it might seem unrelated, and might seem to have nothing to do with each other, by aligning with the energy of the natal Uranus, we can open up new possibilities and cultivate a greater sense of freedom in many facets and areas of our lives. Honoring Uranus has a sweeping, liberating effect in all kinds of ways, where we least expect it.

Typically, Uranus spends about seven years transiting through each house of the natal chart, assuming the utilization of methods like Placidus, equal house, or whole sign houses. With Uranus taking about 84-86 years to move around the zodiac, over a lifetime, this translates to Uranus making a complete journey around the chart once, though some may experience a transit of Uranus' move around certain houses in the natal chart more than once, if they live longer. During each of Uranus' journey transiting through a natal house, which is typically about 7 years, we find ourself looking to the area of life represented for greater authenticity, freedom, and self-expression.

When Uranus transits into a new house in the natal chart, it triggers powerful awakenings. A shift occurs, directly related to the themes of that particular house. For example, when Uranus transits the 8th House, we may suddenly feel drawn to therapy or become intensely interested

in wealth and its relationship to power and freedom. Self-discovery and psychological analysis may become avenues for liberation, as could exploring taboo subjects or delving into detective work. Similarly, when Uranus transits the 9th House, we might view higher education, travel, or legal matters as pathways to personal freedom and self-realization. Ultimately, Uranus prompts us to explore and embrace the facets of life represented by the natal house differently than ever before, guiding us toward a deeper understanding of ourselves and our path to freedom. The area of life, as represented by the house, might be where dramatic and sudden changes occur, but the feeling of freedom can be sweeping and all-encompassing, benefiting areas of life beyond just that astrological house.

With transiting Uranus, there will likely be significant, unpredictable shifts in that area of life. We must find a way to make peace with it, accepting that change is inevitable and beyond our control. The sooner we can find some level of acceptance, the sooner we'll see the potential opportunities within it. So, when seeking to explore Uranus in its higher vibration, ask: How might this be an opportunity to authentically be one's self? How might this bring more freedom and lightness? We pursue this in various ways, sometimes leading to added responsibilities. For instance, during a Uranus transit through the 5th House, someone might unexpectedly become a parent, engage in child-related activities, or simply decide to embrace more joy in life by dancing frequently. These all become examples of harnessing Uranus' energy.

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Embracing the energy of a Uranus transit is key to navigating its effects smoothly. The more actively engaged we are with the energy, the less likely we'll be blindsided by sudden and drastic shifts that can feel like a smack on the butt, to use a somewhat crude yet apt expression. I've encountered individuals who resist embracing Uranian energy during their transits, making things unnecessarily difficult for themselves. Not giving Uranus an outlet can lead to harboring deep frustration and longing for something more in our lives, which might manifest in remarkable and sometimes self-sabotaging behavior. It's essential to honor the impulse for freedom and authenticity that Uranus represents; failing to do so can lead to bitterness and detachment, ultimately leaving one feeling unfulfilled and unhappy. Reflecting on Uranus's mythological imprisonment of his children, we see that peace is not found in stifling growth and innovation, but in embracing change and allowing new life to emerge. Therefore, regardless of the type of Uranus transit being experienced, embracing the opportunities it presents is crucial for personal growth and fulfillment.

1st House

Symbolically, the Ascendant (AC), which is the most easterly point on the horizon, is the gateway to the 1st House and marks where breath first enters the body while positioning the person represented at the center of the chart. At the time of birth, if someone looked up, they'd see the Midheaven (MC). Toward the western horizon, they'd find the Descendant (DC). The AC represents what might be as natural as breathing, where the first instinct goes when we need a metaphorical breath of fresh air. The 1st House signifies the appearance, identity, and

the aspects of one's self most identified with, which most defines one to one's self. Here, we will find represented what matters most and what is held closest.

When Uranus transits the 1st House, it signals imminent change. But much of this change is self-created. As we change, everything around us changes too. It's a revolutionary energy urging us not to suppress ourselves any longer, leading us to be authentically ourselves. This can lead to uncharacteristic behavior as we try to figure out what our truest self might yet be. Individuals with transiting Uranus conjunct their ascendant are encouraged to be at peace with their uniqueness and let it show, to wear it in some way. Embrace being different because the alternative can start to feel soul-numbing at this time, which may not even be possible to continue to perform anymore. If we resist changes to the identity, life will inevitably force us to change it.

Uranus moving into the 1st House is also opposing the Descendant. A transit of Uranus into the 1st House might have us suddenly wanting to be something else or be someone else. If our identity is as a wife, well that identity relies on another person. Uranian energy being so highly independent will encourage us to find an individual identity. It might do this through an inner urge on our part, but also possible are changes to our relationships, romantic and professional. The status of our relationship might suddenly change, as might the way we see our role within current partnerships. Identifying oneself in the context of our relationships is likely to change. Being a wife might not be enough, or alterations in the relationship lead us to feel we want to, or need to,

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expand our identity. It's not always easy. It doesn't have to be a bad thing. It might not be a simple journey, but is unavoidable to find peace.

It's important to consider individual factors such as aspects of other planets and the calculation method used for determining house placements, as they can influence how Uranus' transit manifests in our life. Regardless of these factors, the core energy of Uranus in the 1st House encourages a reevaluation of identity and a desire to feel light and free. Embracing these changes can lead to powerful transformations and a deeper sense of self-awareness. Ultimately, the higher vibration of Uranus invites us to consider what it means to be the true self. Instantaneous bravery could arrive, and like a tight corset, we become ready to rip away the old identity. If everyone around us only knows us with our previously limited wardrobe, this metaphorical change of style might seem shocking, but at a fundamental level, even if it challenges those around us, it would be more difficult not to change. With an Outer Planet transit to the 1st House, change must occur to who the self knows itself to be. With Uranus, the transformations are quick, unexpected, and surprising in just how much lighter we feel, often in an instant.

Embracing the changes brought about by Uranus in the 1st House allows one to become more authentically oneself and align with the energy of freedom and independence. This can mean different things to different people. One person's ideal circumstances are another person's prison. This is precisely why there might be a few people wondering why the individual is so ready to blow up a perfectly good life. No one can know exactly what it feels like to be the individual, on the inside.

The state of their sense of self, their sense of what truly matters, might be seen drastically differently. Once the individual knows the truth about themselves, and what circumstances are or are no longer acceptable to who they truly are, they can no longer pretend like they don't know. The epiphany is undeniable to them, and almost as quickly, to everyone around them as well.

The discovery of Uranus heralded a change to humanity's understanding of science and the individual, coinciding with what is called the Cartesian Split, which separated spirit and matter. Before this distinction, women were considered intellectually weaker because they were physically weaker. Under the Cartesian Split, appearance is no longer connected to intelligence. From this point, equality of all kinds became our natural evolution. It is therefore Uranus that symbolizes individual rights and equality of all kinds. Uranus moving into the 1st House might bring with it a social justice awakening for individuals, or at the very least, a new identity no longer limited to previous traditionally or biologically determined rules. Whether this change takes place in the appearance, with a desire to look more gender-neutral, or in one's own identity, they start to transcend an understanding of their previously restrictive role within the male/female binary.

Uranus transits to the 1st House and often manifest in visible changes to one's appearance or self-expression. Dying one's hair purple at 70 years old is a wonderful example of embracing Uranus' energy of individuality, freedom, and self-expression. It shows a willingness to break free from societal norms and expectations, and to fully embrace one's unique identity. In some cases, individuals might embrace the

latest cutting edge or experimental technologies to mold their appearance in the direction they choose, including but not limited to cosmetic surgery. The freak nature of Uranus could mean dramatically different and unique results they never saw coming, so make sure there are other transits to balance the likelihood that they'll get results they like. These outward changes often reflect internal shifts in consciousness and a desire to live authentically and playfully. Each person may express Uranus' energy in their unique way, but the common thread is a sense of liberation, a desire to be free to play, and embracing one's true self.

Uranus' impact on the 1st House doesn't necessarily mean wild hair or bright clothes unless one wants it to be. Their difference, bold, brave, and rebellious can be markedly different than another. With Uranus, there are rarely right or wrong answers when it comes to what it means to be oneself. Uranus is a planet representing experimentation and change. Being free to play with one's self-expression, which might include ways they never contemplated before, is part of the drive towards figuring out the truth of them at this time. It's a truth they want to feel, but also want to see. The acknowledgment of others doesn't always mean a lot to the independent spirit of Uranus, but when it visits their 1st House, they will likely adamantly engage the controversy and the curiosity of what it is to be seen as the real them.

2nd House

The 2nd House has to do with one's money; how they earn it and spend it. Where they consider their possessions, what they do with what they have, and the significance those possessions have for them,

Of Ravens and Dragonflies

OUTER PLANET TRANSITS THROUGH THE HOUSES IN ASTROLOGY

There is nothing that will bring people to astrology like an Outer Planet transit. Being visited by a generational planet, heavy with myth and purpose, symbolizes deep change. The rarity of the transit means that we are likely to have a unique experience, over a period of time, not to be repeated in exactly the same way over this incarnation.

The concept of an astrological transit represents an energy that flows through a period of time, akin to being in transit at airports—where movement occurs between locations without reaching the final destination. When one is in transit, it indicates either boarding a plane or awaiting one, transitioning from one airport to another. It's not solely about the destination or one's residence; rather, it encompasses movement and the passage of time. The primary focus of this book lies in navigating transitional phases in life, particularly when large energies seek to reenergize and reinvent key areas of life, over an extended period of time. These moments present opportunities for personal growth and the embodiment of greater love and wisdom, irrespective of the challenges they may present.

The Book is called *Of Ravens & Dragon Flies* for how they represent the Outer Planets, and their transits. Ravens can be considered symbols of Pluto, for they hold mystical qualities of change and endings. Dragon Flies are clearly symbolic of Uranus, for the bright light they bring in the dark. And the two together represent the magic that is Neptune. The ability to see them symbolically at all is a leap of imagination and faith, so necessary in astrological practice, and it's search for holistic truth.



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