



Mars Transits: Houses

MARS TRANSITING THE NATAL CHART HOUSES

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Overview:

Because many charts are drawn with unequal houses, and because Mars is sometimes retrograde, the length of Mars' stay in a house varies. However, on average, Mars transits a house for approximately 40 days. Mars acts to energize the areas of life ruled by the house it transits.

Mars Transits the First House

You are able to stand your ground and assert yourself more than usual during this transit. You have energy at your disposal to move your plans forward, and you are more enterprising. You want to leave your mark on the world in some way—however big or small—and you are more able to make an impression than usual. If circumstances are such, you are able to easily fight back. In fact, you may be somewhat combative under this influence, and you may have a short temper. Avoid being pushy. Take charge of your life, but don't bulldoze over others in the process! This is an excellent transit for assertiveness and physical vitality. Love affairs may also be stepped up during this period. On the rare occasion when an accident occurs, it is more likely to involve the head or face.

Mars Transits the Second House

You have more energy at your disposal to make money, but also to defend your values. This can be a very resourceful time, when you make the most of what you have. You have much energy for new money-making projects, or for stepping up existing ones. You may be over-identifying with what you have and own, and you could be trying to prove yourself (your worth) to others using money and possessions as the means to do so. If conflicts occur during this transit, they are likely to be over issues of ownership. This is a time when impulse buying is at a peak. You probably should avoid using credit right now, simply because your spending habits may be excessive and impulsive.

Mars Transits the Third House

You are likely to have many ideas and plans going during this transit, and you might be inclined to scatter your energies as a result. Channeled well, this is a good time to sell your ideas to others, or to present your case. You may be especially busy running errands and communicating with others. More articulate than usual, you may also have a more assertive, self-centered, or provocative communication style at this time. As such, discussions may become heated, or they may escalate into arguments, more easily. If this is the case, it's likely because you are taking things very personally right now, or because you are over-identifying with your beliefs and ideas. A tendency to be impatient or impulsive while driving or while performing manual tasks, generally with the hands,

vigor and passion.

Mars Transits the Fourth House

You have more energy at your disposal for domestic projects or activities. Because your actions are governed by your instincts during this period, you may be especially defensive and protective. You may work hard at making yourself feel more secure, and you may be called upon to take charge on the home and family front. You may have more energy to invest in homemaking, house repairs, re-decorating, or family activities. In fact, if you are feeling very restless, moody, or defensive during this period, it would be a good idea to do any of these things! You may have an increased desire to rule the roost, and if this transit stimulates conflict or disputes, it is likely to be family-related—you may have arguments with them, about them, or on their behalf. You may also encounter opposition from career-related matters or people. You may get worked up about old angers or regarding emotional issues from the past that are resurfacing now.

Mars Transits the Fifth House

This is a very self-expressive time when you have lots of energy, but not necessarily self-discipline to match. You have more energy at your disposal to express yourself creatively, through activities with children, romantic activities, hobbies, or sports. Your love life may step up a notch, and this could be an especially passionate time. You tend to put more energy into play and pleasure! Be careful not to burn the candle at both ends. Also, watch out for a tendency to want to gamble. You are more playful than usual, and especially magnetic.

Mars Transits the Sixth House

You have more energy for work and your daily routines tend to speed up during this transit. Perhaps you have a larger workload than usual. It's a great time to take charge of your health. You have much energy at your disposal to pick up (or step up) a health and physical activity program. It might be hard for you to work with others in a harmonious manner during this transit, and disputes with co-workers are possible. If you are feeling especially angry, frustrated, or restless, it would be wise to find little projects

Mars Transits the Seventh House

Partnerships may suffer from ego conflicts, or adversaries may be challenging. Use this energy to work cooperatively on relationship problems. You may even find that you seem to need someone's help in order to do what you want to do during this cycle.

Relationships are vivacious and dynamic during this period. When a difference arises, you are quick to settle it, and have little patience for sweeping matters under the rug. Your close personal relationships are lively during this cycle—full of conflicts *and* resolutions or reconciliations.

Mars Transits the Eighth House

Sexuality and intimacy are stimulated under this transit. Negative expression of this energy is the tendency towards ego conflicts concerning jointly held property or money. Conflicts with partners over values or possessions are possible. Occasionally, this transit could bring a crisis or ending of some kind. Something you hear about now might disturb or touch you deeply. You are likely to be more strategic in your actions during this period, as you become aware of the subtleties of human interaction. This is a time when your best course of action is to recognize that you need, or rely on, others for support.

Mars Transits the Ninth House

During this period, you are especially enthusiastic and more bold than usual. Some restlessness and hunger for adventure is experienced now. Essentially, you are looking to expand your activities, and you may find that you have a lot of energy for higher studies, travel, or simply new subjects. Negative potentials include being excessively opinionated or getting easily fired up over differences in points of view, or legal fights.

Mars Transits the Tenth House

This transit stimulates your ambition and/or your desire to be recognized for your accomplishments. Whether it's professional or personal, you are likely to have an increased desire for others to notice you. This can be a good time to become self-employed or start a business if other factors (and Mars itself) are favorable. Conflicts

Mars Transits the Eleventh House

Group activities and cooperative efforts are the best way to achieve your goals right now. In fact, you have all sorts of ideas about what you want to do. Avoid allowing the ego to attempt to dominate others. You prefer to lead a group rather than follow during this period, and there are certainly ways to do so without stepping on others' toes. As well, the best way to achieve your goals during this period is to work as a team, or to at least to do some networking. You may have more energy than usual to want to organize projects. Your humanitarian impulse may be stimulated. The role you play for other people in your life becomes the focus. You may feel that your schedule gets overloaded at this time with things to do (usually for others).

Mars Transits the Twelfth House

This is the time to research and reflect upon your goals. It can be a time when past actions catch up with you—and this is not necessarily a bad thing! It could also be a time when much of your energy is channeled into private matters, or when you prefer that others not observe what you are doing. This is natural—you may just as well do your best work alone for now. Unconscious behavior patterns could influence the way you assert yourself. Some may experience insomnia during this phase, especially if they are not allowing themselves the chance to recoup and if they are not letting their intuition serve them. Others may enjoy a more active dreaming life (this includes day-dreaming), and, if allowed to run free, the imagination can serve them very well, especially with regards to goals and new concepts.

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