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Neptune Transiting the Houses of the Horoscope

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Overview:

Neptune takes approximately 164 years to come full circle—too long to complete a cycle through our natal charts. This slow-moving planet's transits are long-lasting, and each transit takes its time to unfold. Transiting Neptune can spend 13-14 years in one house alone, sometimes more and sometimes less.





we try to work *with* the planet of illusion and spirituality. It is common for Neptune's influence to be a confusing one in the first portion of the transit. The ultimate "lesson" of Neptune is to help connect us to the world of the intangible. This is in stark contrast to Saturn's transits, which re-connect us to the tangible, material world.

Whichever part of our lives and of our psyches that Neptune touches is an area where we may feel "up in the air" and confused in the initial stages of the transit. Boundaries are not as clear, commitments are elusive, and perception is confused.

As the transit progresses, and certainly by the time it is over, we should have a more refined understanding in the affected areas of our lives. What begins as confusion can eventually actually augment our perception and our understanding. Sometimes, people experience a burnout of sorts that eventually leads them to take a different path-often a more spiritually rewarding and fulfilling one. Neptune acts to *dissolve* what it touches.

Neptune Transits to the Houses

Neptune Transits the First House

This influence sensitizes your mind, body, and soul to a higher energy. It can act to soften your disposition as you become more attuned to the subtleties in your environment and in everyday activities. You absorb the mood of those around you quite easily now, and your disposition is somewhat changeable as a result. This transit can add a mysterious aura to the way you project yourself to others.

You tend to be less practical than you are idealistic, dreamy, and sensitive. Some of you may find the mundane concerns of life too boring, too drab to grab your attention! Some may feel less confident, as their direction in life is uncertain; others may attune themselves to a stronger spiritual purpose.

Neptune Transits the Second House





You may be careless with your money during this long-term cycle. Some financial insecurity may be part of the picture. Watching out for scams or risky speculative investments is necessary.

Neptune Transits the Third House

During this cycle, you learn to rely on your intuition. You may have some problems arising from your inattention to details, practical matters, and facts and figures. Others may find you less reliable in terms of making appointments on time or remembering them at all! Some challenges putting your thoughts into words likely leads to a stronger appreciation for such things as musical lyrics, poetry, and other art forms that experiment with modes of expression. You are likely to discover more imaginative means of expressing yourself. Neptune stimulates your imagination and intuition. Your words are more poetic and perhaps even inspirational.

Neptune Transits the Fourth House

This cycle may bring some confusion about your connections to your past, family, or home life. You are more idealistic than usual when it comes to relationships with close loved ones, particularly family, which can cause a few problems if you're not careful.

A noncommittal attitude in your personal life could leave people in your life feeling frustrated with you as you attempt to find yourself. Alternatively, there could be some distancing involved with family members, or family members need special care requiring you to make some sacrifices. During this cycle, you may find that you require more sleep than usual and that you are easily drained.

Neptune Transits the Fifth House

Your romantic life is more colorful and rich during this cycle. You are highly romantic, but also somewhat prone to self-deception—seeing what you want to see in a lover rather than what really is. Being "in love with love" is quite probable now. Love can be very romantic for you, but it can also be complicated or downright elusive! You may find yourself falling in love with someone unattainable or attached, for example; or you might attach yourself to someone who you deem needs "saving". Use some caution in this



Some confusing elements may enter your life in terms of your children. This is a very imaginative transit for your creativity.

Neptune Transits the Sixth House

You are more susceptible to medications, chemicals, and other such things during this long-term cycle, so keep this in mind. Stress more easily affects your health as well. Some confusion on the job may be part of the picture, or your job may steer towards compassionate service, charity, or other helping professions. Neptune's presence here can make it more challenging to stick to routines or schedules.

Neptune Transits the Seventh House

Ambiguities surrounding close partnerships are felt during this cycle. The area of close one-to-one partnerships may be on somewhat shaky ground. Uncertainty about a partnership, or a feeling that partnership is elusive, may be part of the picture. Some of you will be dealing with frustrating behavior on the part of a spouse or close partner. You may be judging him or her as behaving quite foolishly or irresponsibly.

Some may be meeting potential partners who seem to be "the one", but who end up being elusive or disappointing. The tendency to attract people who you deem needy of being "saved" could be problematic. Others will be connecting on a new level of spirituality in their relationships, recognizing that one can't control a partner, and that a partner shouldn't have to follow a particular script.

Neptune Transits the Eighth House

You may encounter some challenges regarding shared finances or property during this cycle. On the other hand, a loan or other form of support may come through unexpectedly, even in a mysterious fashion. Intimate relationships can be highly colorful, perhaps with spiritual undercurrents, but also a little confusing. The boundaries that are normally drawn between what is yours and what is mine may be blurred somewhat during this Neptune transit. A partner could have unsettled finances, and this could



Neptune Transits the Ninth House

Your overall perspective on life is expanding, and you are more willing to embrace unusual, mystical, or spiritual philosophies. You are slightly more impressionable than usual. Your personality and manner is appealingly mysterious and soft–others sense your increased compassion. Seeking friends or lovers who are soul companions is possible during this phase. A stronger interest in the arts, especially those that draw upon the emotions, is indicated. Some confusion regarding travel, legal affairs, or higher education is also possible now.

Neptune Transits the Tenth House

Neptune clouding your vision of where it is you are headed in life can cause some inner restlessness and confusion. If you are a person who thrives on a master plan–something that is elusive during this period of your life–you could find this a distressing period until you adapt to this influence. Unusual circumstances, coincidences, or some level of secrecy and mystery surround your career or reputation. Others may not be seeing you for who you are, but rather what they'd like you to be. Try not to encourage this behavior, as tempting as it might be to do so.

Neptune Transits the Eleventh House

Neptune's movement through your eleventh house adds some color and imagination to your social life. During this cycle, you may face the need to draw some boundaries with friends and the demands of others. Even if you are not normally one to give in to peer pressure, Neptune's influence here may be somewhat confusing. Your loyalty to certain groups or friends may be misplaced, for example.

You experience a subtle yearning to belong with a friend or a group who shares your own ideals. This can lead you to attach yourself to unusual, more spiritual, or downright wacky friends...well, colorful ones at the very least. Friends, or friendship itself, may be elusive during this cycle. Confusion as to who or what you belong to characterizes this period.





This is one of the most favorable house transits for Neptune, as Neptune feels right at home in the twelfth house. This is a pleasant placement for this mysterious and elusive planet. You likely find joy in a certain amount of solitude, and dreams are especially rich and involved. You may be paying more attention to signs, symbols, and omens in your life. You are building your faith in all that is "unseen".

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How to Predict Your Future: Secrets of Eastern and Western Astrology by James Braha. This is an excellent resource for outer planet transits: Jupiter through Pluto.

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