

Sun ☽

The Sun in its higher level represents the tree or Divine Self (atman), just as on the lower level it represents the ego or self-image.

The main solar issue is identity. Our true identity is in consciousness, not in any other thing with which we may be identified.

Whatever we are identified with is a form of darkness (?). Our true nature lies in our capacity to illuminate things, not in the things that our mind illuminates.

Our true being is in the light. It is the light. It is by going within that we find true light. Any external light that we reflect, however great, creates darkness within us.

Moon ☾

The Moon represents the mind or consciousness generally (manas), our general feeling potential.

The main lunar issue is peace and receptivity of the mind. This is achieved by surrender of the mind to the Divine, Surrender of the mother to the father, not by any mental activity nor by following any personal or social force. Our feeling sensitivity does not have to be denied or controlled. It needs to be directed in the right way, which is to be open to the presence, the Divine significance of each thing and each moment. Being present.

Mars ♂ (I don't know why these are in the order they're in)

Mars represents the need of energy to transform itself. All energy seeks a result, all life requires a direction and a goal.

The issue of mars lies in directing our energy towards real transformation, the change of our own consciousness (to change the moon ((feminine)) in the direction that our Divine self directs or illuminates). We should not direct our energy toward a goal that is momentary. Yet, as

long as we pursue the outer goals of life, such as pleasure, wealth and status, that is what we are doing. The real transformative result is the ability to draw our consciousness (mind, focus) into the realm of knowledge (astrological), not to gain some specific limited goal.

Mercury ♀

Mercury represents the power of judgement (Buddhi). It can create a net of information and speculation that traps the mind in the realm of the senses, or it can create a ladder of values and principles through which the soul can ascend.

The main issue of Mercury is right discrimination; whether we direct our reason toward organizing the impressions gathered from the senses or toward discriminating truth from falsehood. The latter changes Mercury into the god of wisdom.

Jupiter 2

Jupiter represents the law of our nature, our creativity, where we find grace & beneficence in life.

The main issue of Jupiter lies in aligning ourselves with the flow of Divine grace (attaining a fler state), the inner good rather than the outer social good. This requires projecting a spiritual creativity that raises the world, not just a material creativity that merely furthers the outer powers and structures. We must learn to be benevolent in the presence of the Divine, not merely to be good to gain the admiration of others. It requires an optimism based on the knowledge of the eternal.

Venus ♀

Venus represent our capacity to project love and beauty. Life comes from bliss and expresses bliss. We all want eternal happiness.

The issue of Venus lies in how we define our happiness. We can define it outwardly as pleasure or inwardly as joy. We can seek it in

transient things and thereby lose it, or we can seek it in the eternal and truly find it. True joy, however, only comes through suffering; while mere pleasure usually results in suffering. Because we hold on to the immediate and do not see the end result, we remain trapped in the illusions of outer happiness. The higher Venus energy arises through devotion, defining our object of love as consciousness itself (human life).

Saturn ♫

Saturn represents the power of our actions. If we do something regularly, it sets a certain force in motion. This power of our actions goes with us from life to life. (Karma). Our destiny is mirrored in our daily activity.

The issue of Saturn is to create an ongoing conscious action toward improving our condition, expanding the powers of truth and peace in our lives. It is to really put into practice what we have learned, not just to acknowledge it mentally. It is to have the patience and attention to bring things to conclusion and perfection.

Rahu ♀

Rahu represents the illusory power of our unfulfilled desires. These operate at a subconscious level to distort our perception. This projection force of the mind is a powerful creative force that can also be used for meditation, once we have gained control of it. Rahu represents the challenge to master our secret wishes and to accept what is, the present, as the truth.

Ketu ♀

Ketu represents the illusory power of our fears and our attachment to what we have accomplished. These prevent us from positive action and change. It shows the death from which we are in flight during life. The death we fear is not physical death, but Ego Death. It is only when we embrace death as a creative force, a power of

renewal and transformations, that we can go beyond its shadow.