

NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE ASTROLOGY CHART (A Sampler of Materials)



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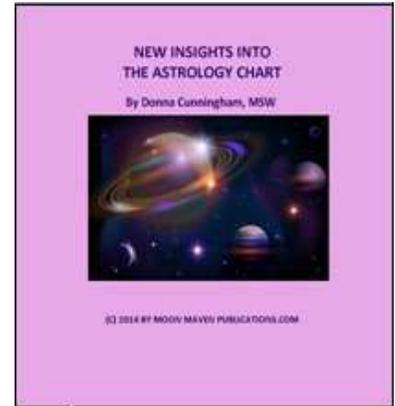
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Below you'll find excerpts from several chapters of this ebook.

From, "Mars in the Fixed Signs—a Body in Motion Stays in Motion"

Mars represents our energy patterns and ability to take the initiative. **The Fixed energy pattern that stands out is deliberateness—every move considered at length to see if change is really needed. They second-guess everything, and wait for an inner readiness, but then they're unstoppable.** Once they get going, they put the Energizer Bunny to shame.

Why You Don't Want to Get a Fixed Sign Mars Mad at You: Mars in our charts shows what makes us angry and how we express it. **For the most part, people with Mars in the Fixed signs are slow to anger, often putting up with things they shouldn't out of sheer inertia.**

When they finally have had enough, however, they get mad and STAY mad. You don't want them teed off at you! Figure out what their hot buttons are, and then don't go there. If you hit one of those buttons particularly hard or one too many times, you may be excluded from their lives permanently.

When you look below the surface of anger, there's always fear. Mars is the planet of the warrior, and where Mars is in our charts—the house and sign—we're most likely to do battle to defend things that are a major part of our lives. If we perceive another's actions as a threat to those things we hold dear, we're likely to go on the offense.

Unless Mars is badly aspected, individuals with Fixed Mars placements don't easily take offense, because they're quite capable of protecting and maintaining the things they've so methodically built.

However, if you take strong enough and consistent enough action that threatens the things they treasure, they go on red alert and may suspect your motives from there on in. The strength and fierceness of their responses to a perceived threat shows just how formidable these individuals can be, once aroused.

It's not easy for them to forgive and forget either, and Mars in Scorpio, in particular, can maintain a grudge for years. The house position, again, shows the areas of life where

individuals with Mars in a fixed sign are most likely to fight if things they treasure are threatened.

From, “Are You Psychic? The Outer Planets and Paranormal Abilities”

Paranormal abilities are often present when Pluto, Neptune, or Uranus are strongly featured in the birth chart. Here are some ways these planets can be emphasized:

- The planet is conjunct the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, Descendant, or IC within 10°.
- It forms major aspects like a square, trine, or opposition to one or more of those points.
- It's one of the most-aspected planets or is part of a major configuration or stellium.
- The Sun, Moon, Ascendant, Midheaven, or a stellium is in the sign the planet rules.
- The Sun, Moon, Ascendant, Midheaven, or a stellium is in that sign's associated house.
- Look for outer-planet aspects to Mercury, if communicating your insights is important.

Pluto is the planet of birth, death, rebirth, and transformation. Plutonian gifts may include mediumship, reading past lives, channeling a spirit guide, or healing. Not only is Pluto often prominent in the charts of people with these abilities, but the sign it rules (Scorpio) and the house it's associated with (the 8th) may be strong as well.

Let's also look for signatures of psychic or intuitive abilities, which ordinarily include a strong Neptune or Pisces influence. Mercury–Neptune aspects or Neptune in the 3rd can show telepathic ability due to merging with another person mentally.

It's only fair to mention that Neptune is also associated with deception and that there are as many fraudulent psychics as genuine ones.

Psychic perceptions don't show up on demand, like turning on a tap. For that reason, many folks who begin as genuine psychics become less and less reliable the higher the volume of professional work they do and the more burned out they get. Some don't realize that they are starting to “cheat” and read people's “tells” to come up with answers. Less ethical readers do so consciously for the sake of ego or financial gain.

A person with a strong Uranus can have flashes of brilliant insight, but these are not necessarily of psychic origins. Such insights appear to come from some unseen, supernatural force. Uranian types hardly know how they came up with the right answer, and so people say, “You must be psychic.”

I believe this sort of insight arises from reasoning that occurs at lightning-like speed, putting two and two together, and then taking it to the 10th power.

The perceptions related to Uranus are cerebral rather than intuitive. They're synthesized from dozens of memories, observations, or things read without remembering where they came from, all at the speed of light. It's more like the light bulb that turns on when a genius suddenly knows what to do to make an invention work.

From: “Inner Planets Conjunct the Midheaven—Are You Larger than Life?”

People with a planet closely conjunct the Ascendant are bound to be noticed by those in their immediate environment. What observers see isn't necessarily the real person—they generally notice the qualities of that 1st house planet, strongly projected at the cost of seeing the whole person.

The same is true of a planet conjunct the Midheaven within 10° e on either the 10th house or 9th house side, except that it covers a much wider arena. **The Midheaven shows your impact on the public at large, even people who never meet you or see you in person.**

It's what gets written up in the local newspaper or the alumni newsletter or featured on the corporate website. It's you as an officer in your club, showing up at the annual fundraiser, resplendent with a new hairdo and a killer outfit.

When the Midheaven is involved rather than the Ascendant, in short, what you're known for is the role you play in your career or your community, rather than your personality or physical attributes.

Living up to—or Living Down the Dominant Parent: One of the things your Midheaven represents is the dominant parent, whether it's Mom or Dad, and what kind of a role model they were in pursuing your career. It describes their effect on your career choice and on your success potential. **When a planet is conjunct the Midheaven, because this often shows a parent who was a larger than life figure with a recognizable name in the community.**

That planet on the Midheaven puts you in the public eye, and people expect you'll take after one or both of your parents. They may have been notable for their accomplishments, in which case, you'd feel you had to live up to them. Or, they might have been notorious for their worst characteristics, in which case, you'd have to live them down.

Sun conjunct the Midheaven: Typically, if you have the Sun on the Midheaven, that's a good thing, unless the Sun has difficult aspects. Your natural confidence and poise inspires trust and marks you as the unquestioned person in charge, so you are likely to be promoted into an executive position. When placed on the Midheaven, your best qualities—and your flaws all show up in high relief.

From, “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the 8th House”

There's really only one house that scares the bejaysus out of astrology lovers: the 8th. That's the house of sex, birth, death, taxes, debts—and money that belongs to other people but they only part with if you're really, really nice to them. And, yes, it can show rebirth, transformation, regeneration, and healing—none of which are generally needed unless you go through some sort of horror story in the first place.

Here are some questions that clients and advice column readers may or may not have asked over the years, with answers that I may or may not have had the guts to give them.

Humor alert: Some of you may not know me well, so be advised not to take everything in this piece literally. When I'm in a devilish mood, I've been known to exaggerate and even, occasionally, make things up for a better story. I'm in that sort of a mood today.

Q: I believe my about-to-be-ex is concealing his assets so he won't have to pay so much alimony. Can astrology tell me if my suspicions are correct?

A: A horary chart on the question could give you a yes-or-no answer but wouldn't show such crucial details as how much money is involved and where it's hidden. For that, you wouldn't want an astrologer; you'd want a private investigator — or a forensic audit.

Q: My brother-in-law has Neptune in the 8th natally, and he's pushing me to invest a lot of money in what sounds like a sure-fire winner. My wife likes the idea, too. Should I do it?

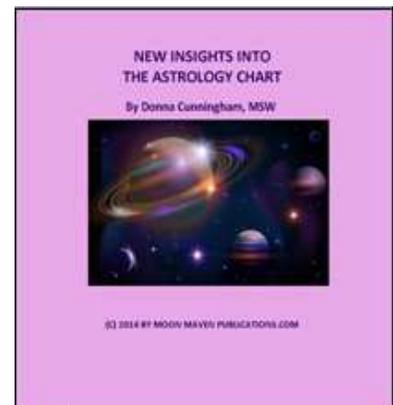
A: What's his track record on sure-fire winners? I'm guessing there have been quite a few "almosts," and zip as far as winners. Check out his chart and your chart, but most of all, get advice about the investment from someone who knows the field well. Send away for the brother-in-law's credit score. Be sure to get everything in writing—with a lawyer of your own. Most important of all, limit your legal liability for the business.

Q: Can I cheat on my income tax and get away with it?

A: The answer to whether you can cheat is, "probably not," at least not over the long haul. You'd need to look at transits and progressions through the 8th or to 8th-house placements for the span of your working life, especially with difficult natal placements in that house. Saturn eventually transits the 8th for all of us, and the IRS doesn't play.

Even if you managed to elude detection, there'd still be consequences, because remember that the 8th is also the house of Social Security, pensions, and other entitlements. Therefore, when the time came to retire, you'd have less of an income base, or possibly couldn't afford to retire at all.

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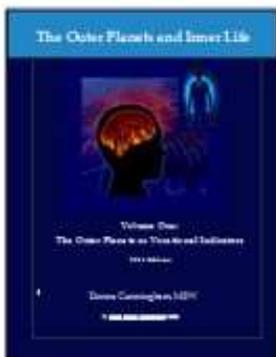


Donna Cunningham's Books on the Outer Planets

If your chart features the outer planets strongly, and especially if you have a conjunction of the slower-moving planets or a stellium that contains one or more outer planets, these ebooks will help you understand their role in your chart and explore ways to change difficult patterns they represent.

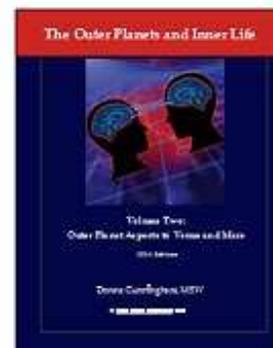
The Outer Planets and Inner Life volumes are \$15 each if purchased separately, or \$35 for all three—a \$10 savings.

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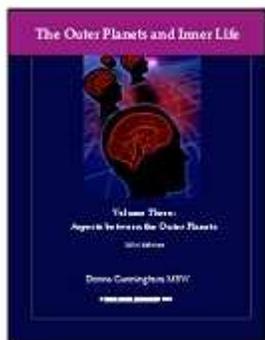


The Outer Planets and Inner Life, V.1: The Outer Planets as Vocational Indicators. (Newly-released 2014 edition) If your stellium has outer planets in the career houses (2nd, 6th, or 10th), or if it relates to your chosen career, this book can give you helpful insights. There's an otherworldly element when the outer planets are career markers, a sense of serving a greater purpose in human history. Each chapter of this e-book explores one of these planets in depth. See a sample of the contents here: [Sampler-2014 OPIL1a](#).

The Outer Planets and Inner Life, v.2: Outer Planet Aspects to Venus and Mars. (Newly-released 2014 edition) Learn about the love lives of people who have the outer planets woven in with the primary relationship planets, Venus and Mars, or in the relationship houses—the 7th, 8th, and 5th. We'll identify persistent relationship patterns for each outer planet influence. Explore the ways people with these chart factors try to satisfy their need for intimacy while still fulfilling an equally strong urge to participate in the evolution of our world. See a sample of the contents here: [Sampler--2014 OPIL2a](#).



The Outer Planets and Inner Life, v.3: Aspects between the Outer Planets. (Newly-released 2014 edition) Some of the most eventful and memorable historical eras happen when two or more of the outermost planets—Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto—form aspects to one another. We'll look at distinct 20th Century eras like the 1960s, the astrological patterns of that time, and the life-long impact of these combinations on people born with them strongly featured in their charts.



The book includes chapters on people born with the Pluto-Uranus conjunction, those with Pluto and Saturn in aspect, those with Uranus and Saturn in aspect, those with Neptune and Saturn in aspect, and those with Uranus and Neptune in aspect. See a sampler of its contents: [Sampler-2014 OPIL3a](#).

For Donna's classic self-help book on Pluto, go to [Healing Pluto Problems](#). Published by RedWheel/ Weiser, it's available in hard copy and Kindle format.

