

JUPITER AND THE BLESSINGS IT BRINGS INTO YOUR LIFE

In traditional, personality-centered astrology, Jupiter is known as the “greater benefic”, the planet which brings good fortune and abundance into the area of life (its house position) where it is found in the natal horoscope. We are told that Jupiter brings expansion and many opportunities to increase the expression of our creative potential. It is the planet that opens us to a more inclusive comprehension of life, stimulating our orientation to wider horizons through foreign travel and advanced education. All of this is true but when we examine Jupiter from an esoteric, soul-centered perspective, we are led to an even deeper understanding of the true beneficence of this, the largest planet in the solar system.

Jupiter’s real gift to us is that it is the Lord of the Second Ray, that emanation from the Divine Source of all creativity that bestows upon all of life the gift of *consciousness*. It is through consciousness that life reveals its inherent quality of being and that quality is love. It is through love that we are expanded. It is through love that we are enriched. It is through love that we receive our true education. And love is consciousness and consciousness is love. If you will just pause to examine your own life, it will become clearly apparent that every time you face a crisis of love, the “cure” to the resolution of those crises comes through an expansion of consciousness. As a consequence of such a “loving challenge”, we are required to become more accepting, more inclusive, and more detached on personal levels. This act of loving will power, gives us greater and more enhanced tools of the heart with which we may continue to expand our journey through life. Should we choose the “left handed path”, and refuse to accept, include, and detach, the results are that we bottle up the heart, turn inwards into Self-denial and almost always become smaller and less attractive both to ourselves and others. Love is diminished, consciousness is inverted, and our quality of life is reduced.

Jupiter’s primary purpose (and that of the Second Ray) therefore is one of fusion. Jupiter is instrumental in blending the dualities of head and heart, reason and love, intellect and feeling in order to produce *wisdom*. Wisdom is also the result of a form of loving detachment from the

personal life so that we begin to live more and more in an orientation towards the impersonal life of the Soul. Jupiter's connection to the Second Ray is also seen astrologically insofar as Jupiter is Lord of Wisdom through its rulership over Sagittarius and the Lord of Love through its co-rulership (along with Neptune) over the sign Pisces.

We are very fortunate indeed to be moving into the Age of Aquarius as from the level of Soul-Centered Astrology, Jupiter is the esoteric ruler of this sign. It is Jupiter's blessings of an expanded and loving field of consciousness that stand behind and play through the technological world of Uranus, the exoteric, planetary ruler of the New Age. The networking dynamics inherent in the era of the computer and the worldwide web, the urge for collective and group interactions, and the need for right human relationships that are so much a part of Uranus and Aquarius, are but avenues for the expression of the Love/Wisdom that are fundamental to Jupiter and the Second Ray.

Jupiter and its friendly companion Mercury, govern the four signs of the mutable cross from the level of the personality: Jupiter--Sagittarius and Pisces, Mercury--Gemini and Virgo. The focus for the crises we face on the mutable cross has to do with leading humanity out of the attachment to material desire and into a more expanded awareness of the nature of divine love. Mutable squares, T-squares, or a grand cross, in the natal chart point to conflicts of duality. The resolution of this duality is found in the only non-dual mutable sign, Virgo. Virgo is the sign of synthesis and synthesis is the path to the consciousness of the soul. Some of you who are more advanced students of astrology may now be asking an important question or two. How can Jupiter be effective in Virgo? Isn't Virgo after all, the sign of Jupiter's detriment? Yes, but as we shall soon discover, the perspective of what is or is not detrimental is considerably changed when viewed esoterically.

Jupiter and the process of synthesis bring the restless mind of the personality into a state of correct alignment to the will of the Higher Self. This is done through the integration of the various parts of the mind so that eventual soul infusion is made possible. The "glue" that binds all of these little, disparate mental pieces is love, for love is the "urge to merge" and works very well on mental and well as emotional levels of life. It is Jupiter's specific function as the

“greater benefic” to awaken a person to the presence of Love as the quality of life within any given form of life expression. In the natal horoscope of a soul-centered individual, Jupiter will have three functions:

1. It is a key to the nature and focus of the Second Ray of consciousness in the present incarnation. This is a very important point in your delineation of the horoscope. Look to where Jupiter is in your chart and you will see where (house) and how (sign) you function through your Highest Self!

2. The house placement will also indicate where there is the greatest tendency to fuse your own dualities and/or to be of service in the fusion of the dualities of life in general. Thus if Jupiter were in the ninth house (a most favorable position!), it would serve to fuse and blend the various doctrines, philosophies, and belief systems of the world in order to aid in the universalization of religion. Jupiter in the second house will do the same in terms of resources and therefore could be said to be the position of the “Soul’s banker”.

3. Jupiter’s position in the natal chart also reveals that area in life in which the individual can evoke the most love and wisdom out of environmental circumstances and thus points to a powerful contributing link to one’s total spiritual purpose.

Jupiter in the Twelve Signs

Aries: Jupiter likes the Ram. The forceful energies of Aries give a constant urge to move forward towards a greater self-revelation of Ray Two/Consciousness in one’s own and other people’s lives. Aries is on the First and Seventh Rays. This permits Jupiter’s Love/Wisdom to flow through the force of Divine Will (I) into the activities and structures of everyday life (VII). An individual with Jupiter in Aries is particularly interested in sharing his or her line of teaching with others and is ceaselessly pursuing his or her own soul’s quest.

Taurus: On the personality level, Jupiter in Taurus gives a great love for material possessions (and often the ability to acquire same!). On the soul level, it tells of an individual’s ability to perceive the nature of love in all of life’s forms. It is a very good indication of a teacher who is able to communicate the integration of the material life into one’s soul purpose for incarnating.

As Vulcan is the ruler of this sign, his First Ray influence is also felt. Vulcan here has a great deal to do with destroying the concept that the material and the spiritual are two different spheres as such a concept has been at the cause of so much suffering in life. Jupiter in Taurus teaches that the two are One.

Gemini: On the personality level, this is one of the two signs of Jupiter's detriment as wider philosophical issues are usually misinterpreted as personal *opinions* by one with this placement in the natal horoscope. There also tends to be a diffusion of intellectual interests and an idealistic mental superficiality. Yet on the level of the soul, this is a most powerful placement as Gemini is a pure Second Ray Sign.¹ When Jupiter is in Gemini in the chart of a soul-centered individual, there are no dualities that cannot be found to have some point of common reference, some place for agreement, and some focus for fusion and integration.

Cancer: The combination of Jupiter and the Crab lead to a harmonization of the fusion of the Soul with the physical form of the present incarnation. Cancer is the sign of foundation. It is the harbor for the soul, its anchor on the shores of the earth. In the horoscope of a soul-centered individual, Jupiter in Cancer enhances a deep maternal urge, but this is not the urge to be a mother, rather it is the awareness of the Presence of the Mother of all forms in all things. As a result, the individual is very nurturing of the process of soul-unfoldment and is a person of deep compassion and incredible loving detachment.

Leo: The Sun, ruler of the celestial Lion, is also a planet of the Second Ray. Love/Wisdom thus rules supreme and manifests through the heart center of a soul-centered man or woman with this position of Jupiter in the natal chart. This placement also brings a great deal of Joy into one's life and this warmth radiates into the environment. Joy is a quality of the soul as it is constant and cannot be changed by surrounding, outer life circumstances. Happiness is a quality of the personality as it is conditioned by the fulfillment of personal desires. Kindness, real courage,

¹It is "pure" in that Gemini is only found on the Second Ray line of manifestation, the two other signs of this Ray, Virgo and Pisces are also Sixth Rays signs.

and intuitive perception are other gifts that shine forth when Jupiter resides in the heart of the Lion.

Virgo: As mentioned earlier, this is a sign of Jupiter's detriment. On the personality level, this is due to the nature of Virgo to minimize and dissect the larger benefits of Jupiter's influence into disconnected bits and pieces. Yet from the soul-centered perspective, it allows for the descent of the Christ Principle (the loving inclusivity of the soul) into matter. As the Moon is the esoteric ruler of the Virgin, the combination of these influences allows a person with Jupiter in Virgo to nurture the unfolding presence of love in all forms of manifestation. This is particularly available in this sign through one's field of service to humanity. Thus Jupiter in Virgo on the level of the soul is an incredible influence for wholeness and healing.

Libra: A soul-centered individual born with this placement of Jupiter is geared to a life in which the Law of Right Human Relations rules all of one's interpersonal activities. It is a position that fosters the linkage and fusion of those ideas that work to foster human dignity, equality, and well being. Jupiter in Libra combines several harmoniously linked influences. It brings in Venus from an exoteric perspective and the presence of the Goddess of Love is always welcome! This position also joins the individual in an active association with the sign Aquarius as Jupiter is the ruler of the Water Man esoterically and Uranus, traditional ruler of Aquarius is the esoteric ruler of the Scales. In this respect, the orientation to serve and the expression of spiritual purpose would very likely come forward through any field of communications and technology.

Scorpio: The Fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict emerges with this position. This placement of Jupiter thus endows a person with a courageous and determined attitude in the battle to transform human consciousness. There is a deep need to change those prevailing philosophies, religions, and belief systems that separate and subjugate. Idealism is very strong when Sixth Ray Mars, esoteric ruler of Scorpio, is energetically linked to Jupiter through this planet/sign combination. Jupiter in Scorpio embodies the teachings inherent in the Path of

Transformation. It gives the urge to learn and teach the knowledge that leads a person to face the necessary crises of transmutation, so important on the Way to a soul-centered life.

Sagittarius: This can be an extremely positive position as Jupiter is the exoteric ruler of this sign and quite happy to be placed on the Centaur's shoulders. When the energies of this planet/sign combination are expressed esoterically, the primary goal is for the fusion of the lower and the Higher Mind. It is through Sagittarius that the aspirant on the Path learns the importance of one-pointedness and the correct methods for the expansion of Love/Wisdom. This placement also brings the individual face to face with the need for practical service to humanity as the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius is the Earth. Our planet is most intimately connected with the Third Ray of Active Intelligence and points to the need for the individual to cultivate the right use of the mind.

Capricorn: On the personality level, this is the "fall" of Jupiter. It represents the crystallization of material desires of the lower self. But on the level of the soul, such desires in Capricorn "fall away", leaving the soul-centered individual as a victor on top of his or her personal mountain of spiritual achievement. Capricorn is a most pragmatic sign and even on the soul-level this practicality expresses itself very strongly. When Jupiter is in the sign of the Goat, it indicates the ability to align and fuse personal and collective material resources for the use of the higher self. Jupiter then becomes very instrumental for the structuring of such resources for the benefits of large numbers of people. What a wonderful position let us say, for the administrator of charitable donations or in the horoscope of an enlightened president of a bank!

Aquarius: This is the strongest position for Jupiter from the soul-centered perspective as it is here that Jupiter rules. A person with this position personifies the ability to fuse heart and mind for the purpose of service to humanity. This is accomplished through the energies of the Fifth Ray of Concrete Knowledge (science and technology). Aquarius is to this Ray what Gemini is to the Second--a pure Ray influence. Jupiter joins with Uranus in this sign and bestows many of

the same characteristics, aspirations, and talents and it does when placed in Libra. The primary difference here is that Jupiter in Aquarius may bestow a greater interest on those natural sciences that foster those inventions that serve to unite humanity while Jupiter in Libra is the embodiment of Right Human Relationships.

Pisces: The Celestial Fish is a very compatible placement for Jupiter. He enjoys the expansive quality that the oceans bring to his nature, allowing him not only to bring forth the endless bounty of the seas but also the compassionate quality of the watery element. Exoterically, Pisces is one of the two signs that are under Jupiter's natural rulership. In addition Pisces expresses two Rays: the Second and the Sixth. As Jupiter is a Second Ray planet, the energies of this Ray—Love and Wisdom—find full ease of release when in this planet/sign combination. Thus a soul-centered individual, a person in whom the center of identification with life is focused through the heart chakra, who has Jupiter in Pisces in his or her natal chart is aided in the distribution of Love and Wisdom as a primary life goal.

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