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Planets IN Houses

When a planet **rules** a house, that planet IS that house. The Universal Puzzle Pieces of the planet connect to the personal puzzle pieces of the house. But when a planet **occupies** a house, the planet **consumes the resources of that house** and uses those resources as fuel in its pursuit of meeting the needs of its Universal Puzzle Pieces and managing the affairs of its personal puzzle pieces.

This is important to consider because planets that occupy houses are **not responsible for managing and replenishing the resources** of that house: that's the responsibility of the planet that rules the house. When planets occupy a house, the planet that rules that house has to work harder to make sure there are sufficient resources to go around.

Planets IN the First House

Planets IN the First House consume your happiness.

Imagine that you have a happiness bank account. The higher the balance is in that account, the more willing you are to live your life and ride out the ups and downs with ease and grace. When you have sufficient reserves in your happiness bank account, you can spend some of those reserves to take care of unpleasant tasks that need to be handled.

Put another way, the higher the balance in your happiness bank account, the more you're willing to eat your vegetables before you get to enjoy dessert.

Planets in your First House use the balance in your happiness bank account to fuel and finance their own agendas. Every time you meet the needs of a planet in your First House, and every time you meet the needs of the houses ruled by a planet in your First House, it makes a withdrawal from your happiness bank account.

This isn't a problem, so long as you actively engage with the planet that rules your First House and keep making deposits in your happiness bank account.

But if you have planets in your First House, you will have to square them away before you can access, experience, and enjoy your own happiness.

Planets IN the First House steal your identity.

Planets that occupy your first house—and more specifically, planets that are in the same sign as your Ascendant (including planets that may be in the 12th house)—steal your identity. These planets go out in the world and pretend to be you. They speak as you, they appear as you, but their views and actions do not necessarily reflect your views or opinions.

This can create challenges. Other people notice how these planets behave when they pursue their needs and the needs of the houses they rule. And those behaviors form a significant part of the impression that other individuals have of you.

Remember, what other people see in your avatar is largely a projection of their own issues with the planet that rules your First House. But if you have other planets in your First House, then other people are projecting their issues with those planets on you, as well.

You can't do anything about this because it's not personal, it's not about you, and it's not your business. That doesn't make it any easier to experience, though.

This is one of the rare instances where working with the planets IN a house can also improve the experience of the house itself. The planet that rules your First House is still your avatar and it has the greatest influence over whether other people have a good impression of you or not. But when you clean up your relationship with the planets that occupy your First House, other people will tend to have a better opinion of you.

Planets IN the Second House

Planets IN the Second House spend your money.

As far as planets in the Second House are concerned, you're just a giant ATM card. The primary resource of the second house is your money, and planets that occupy the second house spend your money to meet their needs and to meet the needs of the houses they rule.

It doesn't matter how careful you are about your finances: you automatically sign the checks for anything that relates to a planet in your Second House, and you'll worry about the consequences later.

The most immediate and practical way to keep your checking account full is to work with the planet that rules your Second House. This planet makes deposits in your checking account and is responsible for managing your finances.

The planet that rules your Part of Fortune can also make deposits in your checking account. If this planet is different from the planet that rules the Second House, it gives you an alternative way to create prosperity.

Planets IN the Second House use your skills and talents.

Spending money is always the first choice of planets in the Second House. If a problem can be fixed by throwing money at it, the check is already in the mail. But when money isn't the answer, planets in the Second House will use your skills and talents (specifically the skills and talents that help you to earn money) to advance their agenda and take care of the needs of the houses they rule.

This doesn't have much of a downside. The more you use your skills and talents, the more those skills and talents grow. Skill is a constantly renewable resource. The only thing to remember is that when you're using your skills to address the needs of planets in your Second House you're developing your skills, but you're not specifically monetizing them.

It's important to step back from time to time, take stock of your skills, and consider how you can make more money with them.

Planets IN the Third House

Planets IN the Third House consume your comfort zone.

The resources of the Third House are all local and familiar. You take them for granted, and you rarely (if ever) look for new or unfamiliar options. The problem is that these local, familiar resources are limited—and planets that occupy your Third House use those resources up when pursuing their agendas and meeting the needs of the houses they rule.

You expand your comfort zone by working with the planet that rules the Third House. This planet introduces new options to your familiar environment, and these new options can significantly improve the quality of your life.

For example, you may have a mechanic that you always use to fix your car. It doesn't matter that each time you go there, you're less and less satisfied with the service you receive. That mechanic is the local resource in your Third House, and that's the only option available to a planet in your Third House because a planet that occupies your Third House can't leave your comfort zone.

But if you work with the ruler of your Third House, you may find a new mechanic and expand your comfort zone so that it includes that new mechanic. The next time you need a car repair, you have a new local option, and you'll be willing (and able) to try the new mechanic because the new mechanic is local and available to planets that occupy your Third House.

Planets IN the Third House adopt your habits and routines.

You create habits and routines specifically to automate the experience of the planet that rules your Third House and all of the houses ruled by that planet.

Planets that occupy the Third House adopt those habits and routines to meet their own agenda and address the needs of the houses they rule. This is not always a good fit, especially because planets that occupy the Third House have no ability to alter or influence those habits and routines.

You can customize your habits and routines to support planets that occupy your Third House, but to do that you must engage the planet that rules the Third House. And even if you do adapt your habits and routines to fit the planets that occupy your Third House, you must still pay attention because planets that occupy the Third House have even less ability to adjust to changes and deviations from the expected norms than the ruler of the Third House does.

Planets IN the Fourth House

Planets IN the Fourth House consume your privacy and erode your foundation.

When a planet occupies your Fourth House, everything about that planet—the needs of the planet itself and the affairs of all of the houses it rules—is private and personal. It's all on a need-to-know basis. The issue is that privacy is a limited resource.

Think of privacy as a big blanket that you can hide underneath. The blanket can only cover a small part of your life, and planets in your Fourth House hog the blanket, which means you might have a hard time keeping your actual personal life private because it's more important to keep those other parts of your life private.

Planets in the Fourth House also erode your foundation because they draw on your foundation to pursue their agenda and to handle the affairs of the houses they rule. Think of this in financial

terms as if it were your retirement account. It's okay to draw on the interest, but you never want to tap into the principal.

Planets in the Fourth House can consume the principal of your foundation.

You have to work with the planet that rules your Fourth House to maintain the principal of your foundation so your life can function. As long as you keep adding to the principal, you can protect yourself from the actions of the planets that occupy your Fourth House.

Planets IN the Fourth House live in your sanctuary.

Call them houseguests; call them roommates; but if you have planets in the Fourth House, you're never completely alone. You may want some peace and quiet, but they're watching TV in the next room and you can hear it through the walls. The only way you can truly get any time to yourself is when they've taken care of all of their own stuff.

Working with the planet that rules your Fourth House can help insulate (and isolate) you from the planets in your Fourth House so you can rest, relax, and recharge your batteries. The more you meet the needs of the ruler of the Fourth House, the easier it is for you to ignore the distractions of the planets that occupy the Fourth House.

Planets IN the Fifth House

Planets IN the Fifth House consume your creativity.

You probably associate creativity with some kind of artistic expression. Everyone has creative urges, and everyone longs for an outlet to express their creative energy in a deeply personal way. But creative energy can be expressed in many different ways. Every time you are faced with a challenge or an obstacle, you draw on your creativity to find a solution. Creativity is what allows you to see things differently, to change your perspective, and even to adjust the vibration of your consciousness.

At any given time, you have a reserve of available creative energy stored in your creativity bank account. Planets in your Fifth House use that creative energy to pursue their own agendas and to meet the needs of the houses they rule.

This can be a challenge because your creative agenda involves the planet that rules your Fifth House. That's how you want to express your creative energy, and it's how you replenish your creative reserves.

Planets that occupy the Fifth House may use up your available creative energy for their own purposes, leaving you without enough creativity left to fuel the things that truly matter to you.

If you have planets in the Fifth House, you must make a conscious effort to work with the planet that rules your Fifth House so that you can replenish your creative reserves and be able to express your own, personal creativity.

Planets IN the Fifth House require amusement.

You're going on a vacation and you're driving. You will be trapped in a car for what feels like an eternity, and you have at least one seven-year-old child in the back seat. The only way to survive the car trip is to keep the child in the back seat distracted and amused. If they get bored, they will act up and make your life miserable.

Now consider that the car trip is your life, and every planet in your Fifth House is a different child in the back seat.

When you arrive at your destination, it's fun to play with the kids. That's the whole point of the vacation in the first place. The problem is that life isn't always a vacation, and you can't always take the time to make sure the kids are distracted and amused.

Working with the planet that rules the Fifth House can address these issues. It might provide diversion and distraction for the planets in the Fifth House so they don't demand your immediate attention. Or it might make it easier for you to just ignore their whining so you can take care of business. Either way, it will make your life easier.

Planets IN the Sixth House

Planets IN the Sixth House require hard work.

Both the planet that rules the Sixth House and planets that occupy the sixth house require hard work. The difference is that the planet that rules your Sixth House is your actual job; it's your responsibility, and you are the one that has to do the hard work to meet the needs of that planet and all of the houses that it rules. Planets that occupy the Sixth House require hard work, but they don't specifically require that you, yourself, do that work.

You can outsource the work of planets that occupy your Sixth House. You can hire other people to do the work for you, or at least to lighten the workload.

Remember, these are still your planets, and you're still responsible for how you experience those planets and how you handle the areas of life ruled by planets that occupy your Sixth House. Getting help with the heavy lifting doesn't mean you can avoid responsibility. But you don't have to do it all on your own.

The more you meet the needs of the planet that rules your Sixth House, the easier all of your work becomes—both the work of the ruler of your Sixth House and the work of the planets that occupy your Sixth House.

Planets IN the Sixth House contribute to your sickness.

The planet that rules your Sixth House is your sickness. The ways that you meet the needs of that planet and address the affairs of the houses that planet rules create imbalances in your life that can lead to sickness if they're not addressed.

Planets that occupy your Sixth House contribute to your sickness, but in an indirect manner. Planets that occupy your Sixth House create more work for the planet that rules your Sixth House. The more you have to rely on the planet that rules the Sixth House, the more likely you are to fall out of balance, which is the root cause of sickness.

Planets IN the Seventh House

Planets IN the Seventh House are your partners' responsibility.

The challenge with planets in the Seventh House is that they appear to belong to other people. You expect that the needs of planets in your Seventh House and the needs of all houses ruled by those planets, are the responsibility of your partners in your one-to-one relationships. You expect your

partners to meet those needs and take care of the affairs of those houses, and you may blame them if they don't.

Everything in your chart is, of course, your responsibility. But the resources of the Seventh House include other individuals, and you often need help and support to meet the needs of planets in your Seventh House—and to manage the affairs of the houses those planets rule. It's fine to ask for support, but it's important that you also own these planets and recognize that they are your responsibility, not your partner's.

Planets IN the Seventh House are other people's problems.

You don't only project planets in your Seventh House on people you actually know. You also project planets in your Seventh House on people in general. Obviously, if you don't have a relationship with someone, you can't expect them to handle the affairs of your Seventh House planets for you. What you do instead is project your issues about how you're handling your Seventh House issues on other people and then judge them for not taking care of their own problems.

Remember that other people are mirrors. Whatever you see in someone else is a reflection of something you may not have noticed in yourself.

Planets IN the Eighth House

Planets IN the Eighth House create debt and obligations.

You are not able to manage the needs of planets in your Eighth House, or the affairs of the houses those planets rule, on your own. You always need help and support to handle these parts of your life, and every time you receive support, it creates a debt and an obligation to repay that support. The planet that rules your Eighth House governs how you feel about debt and obligation, and it's responsible for managing the level of debt you carry. But planets that occupy your Eighth House don't have to get approval from the planet that rules your Eighth House. They just ask for (and accept) support, or quite often, whip out a credit card to address their needs.

You're responsible for managing and repaying the debts created by planets that occupy your Eighth House. The more you meet the needs of the planet that rules your Eighth House, the easier this is.

Planets IN the Eighth House consume your shared resources.

The advantage of the Eighth House is that when you pool your resources, you get a smaller slice of a larger pie, which gives you more actual pie than you would have on your own. The actual shared resources available to you include the Universal Puzzle Pieces of the planet that rules the Eighth House, and the personal puzzle pieces of all of the houses ruled by that planet. Planets that occupy the Eighth House consume those shared resources, making withdrawals from the joint bank account—but they don't ever make any deposits or contribute to the larger pool of resources.

If you have planets in the Eighth House, they make more work for the planet that rules the Eighth House, because that's the planet that's responsible for maintaining your minimum contributions to the joint bank account. The more planets in the Eighth House take, the more the ruler of the Eighth House has to give to keep things in balance.

Planets IN the Ninth House

Planets IN the Ninth House live in your danger zone.

Planets that occupy the Ninth House are foreign, distant, and unfamiliar. To meet the needs of a planet in your Ninth House or to manage the affairs of the houses that planet rules, you need to venture in the unknown and acquire new information or guidance. What you already know is never sufficient to address these issues. The biggest challenge here is that venturing into the unknown always makes withdrawals from your Safety Need Account. If you spend too much time in your danger zone, it can drain your Safety Need Account and pull you into First Kingdom/Victim Consciousness.

If you don't have enough of a balance in your Safety Need Account to be able to venture into the unknown, you will not be able to meet the needs of planets in your Ninth House or to manage the affairs of the houses those planets rule. You will be too afraid to face these issues directly and to find the answers you need to be able to manage those affairs appropriately.

The planet that rules the Ninth House helps you to explore your danger zone, and the more you meet the needs of that planet, the less safety it will cost you when you venture into the unknown in search of new information. It's also important to work with the Moon (whether or not the Moon has any connection to the Ninth House) because that's how you manage the balance in your Safety Need Account. The higher the balance in your Safety Need Account, the more safety you can spend addressing your Ninth House issues.

Planets IN the Ninth House create your beliefs.

Beliefs are tools that help us to navigate the unknown of the danger zone. Beliefs are expectations, usually based on the ideas of experts and authorities, that substitute for a subjective personal understanding of truth. Beliefs are the precursors of faith; at least in theory, beliefs are provisional and can be questioned, challenged, and adjusted based on new information. The point is that because planets in the Ninth House require that you venture into the unknown to meet their needs and manage the affairs of the houses they rule, those planets create beliefs to make it easier to navigate the unknown.

The beliefs created by planets that occupy the Ninth House bypass the filters of the planet that rules your Ninth House. You are less likely to apply critical thinking to beliefs created by planets that occupy your Ninth House, and you're less likely to question those beliefs because you don't feel qualified or well informed enough to even know what to ask. You accept these beliefs as facts because they make it easier for you to address the needs of the planets that occupy your Ninth House, but that does not mean those beliefs are true.

Planets IN the Tenth House

Planets IN the Tenth House consume your reputation.

Planets that occupy the Tenth House operate in public. The resources of the 10th house include your reputation, your brand, and the passwords to all of your social media accounts. Everyone knows about how you meet the needs of planets in the Tenth House, and everyone knows all about the affairs of the houses those planets rule because you keep posting about them on Facebook.

The planet that rules your Tenth House is your reputation; that planet is in charge of managing and maintaining your personal brand. But planets that occupy the Tenth House take advantage of your reputation to pursue their own agenda, without any concern for what those actions may do to your overall reputation and public image.

Planets IN the Tenth House consume your advancement.

The advancement of the Tenth House is the tangible benefits that come from the reputation of the Tenth House. When you are recognized, promoted, and honored for how you handle the planet that rules your Tenth House, you deserve those rewards because you've earned them and your reputation justifies them. Planets that occupy the Tenth House will try to cash in on those rewards and seek recognition and promotion for their expression and for how you handle the affairs of the houses that they rule. This is not always a good idea.

Because these planets consume your advancement (and reputation) but don't contribute to it, if you squander your advancement on planets that occupy the Tenth House, you won't get very far. You can get the first promotion based on your reputation, but if you don't live up to that reputation, you won't get another promotion.

As long as you focus your efforts on managing the planet that rules your Tenth House, there will be enough advancement to go around, and the planets that occupy your Tenth House can advance along with you.

Planets IN the Eleventh House

Planets IN the Eleventh House hijack your dreams.

The planet that rules the Eleventh House is your dreams and aspirations. When you pursue the needs of that planet and manage the affairs of the houses ruled by that planet, you embark on a journey where you pursue happiness. Happiness isn't ever at the destination, but you may well discover happiness on the journey itself.

Planets that occupy the Eleventh House are along for the ride on that journey. And since it's on the way and won't be too big of an imposition, they get you to make a quick stop on your journey to take care of their own agenda and manage the needs of the houses that they rule. But it's never just one stop and it's rarely quick, and before you know it, you can't even see your original path from where you are now, and you may not even know how you got here in the first place.

The pursuit of your dreams is never about the destination, so it's not automatically a bad thing if you take the scenic route or even veer off the grid entirely. But it's important to remember that the planet that rules your Eleventh House is driving the car and that planet has to be strong enough to have the last word.

Planets IN the Eleventh House abuse your benefactors.

When it comes to your benefactors, you (or more specifically, the planet that rules the Eleventh House) are the star. Your benefactors are willing to give tangible, material support to help you to reach your dreams and ambitions and to advance your career. Planets that occupy your Eleventh House are your entourage.

Your benefactors accept that to some degree, you and your entourage are a package deal. They don't mind if you share some of their benefits with your entourage, and they may even be willing to help the members of your entourage directly...to a point.

Your benefactors care that you pursue the agenda of the planet that rules the Eleventh House. If it seems like most of their support is going to your entourage and that you're pursuing their dreams and not your own, your benefactors will become far less generous with their support.

Planets IN the Twelfth House

Planets IN the Twelfth House activate your hidden enemies.

The planet that rules your Twelfth House is the actual vehicle of your adversity. When you pursue the needs of that planet and manage the affairs of the houses that planet rules, you make a mess. You cause other people to resent you, and gradually turn friends into hidden enemies. Hidden enemies are like sleeper agents. They don't actively work against you. They just wait for an opportunity where you need their help and they can withhold that help with a plausible excuse that you can't hold against them.

Hidden enemies only become threats once they're activated. Planets that occupy the Twelfth House can activate your hidden enemies. They don't create the resentments (that's the ruler of your Twelfth House), but when you pursue the needs of planets in the Twelfth House or manage the affairs of the houses ruled by those planets, you remind your hidden enemies of why they resent you in the first place. This makes it far more likely that they will seize the next opportunity to leave you twisting in the wind.

When you work with the planet that rules your Twelfth House, you can diffuse some of the underlying resentment, which makes it harder for planets that occupy the Twelfth House to activate your hidden enemies.

Planets IN the Twelfth House operate in your unconscious.

The planet that rules your Twelfth House is your blind spot. You have to make a conscious effort to check that part of your life because you never see all of it, and it might contain something unexpected that you have to deal with. Planets that occupy your Twelfth House are in your blind spot. If you have planets in the Twelfth House there is always something in your blind spot, and yet every time you check your blind spot, you're surprised to find those planets there.

Planets that occupy the Twelfth House operate in your unconscious. You don't notice them, but (because they're above the horizon) everyone else does. You're the last to know about the consequences of your pursuit of the needs of these planets or the affairs of the houses they rule. You rarely notice the mess that they make until it's too late, so the best you can do is to be diligent about cleaning up after yourself.

Again, the more you work with the planet that rules your Twelfth House, the more often you will check your blind spot, and the more quickly you will be able to clean up.

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