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NEW YEAR OF THE WOOD MONKEY JANUARY 21, 2004

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Chinese New Year begins with the New Moon in Aquarius, this time in gate 60, line 6. Of course, the Chinese calendar connects to the I Ching, Book of Changes, one of Human Design's principal elements. So though the thought to send holiday greetings begins to surface around Thanksgiving, by the time December arrives and the end of the year looms, I become so consumed with numerous activities that the too-late feeling really begins to pressure! Then the Happy New Year chance comes and goes, and now it's **really** late! That's why the Chinese New Year is such a relief! So it's wonderful to send you these greetings that arrive in time to say, have a wonderful Monkey year ahead and thanks for your participation in our lives.

If you are born in 1992, 1980, 1968, 1956, 1944, 1932, 1920 or 1908, this is your year.



So what are all these stresses we collectively share on an annual basis?

The Sun's energy during its progress through Capricorn begins transiting Root gates around December 25, first with gate 58, the Joyous (Earth in 52), then to 38's fuel of fighting and struggling to be healthy for New Year's resolutions (Earth in 39), followed by 54's ambition to go somewhere and get ahead. Earth in 53 pressures me personally to complete things, all the undone stuff that needs to get finished (my Aries Sun is in gate 42) before I can get on with new things.

The holiday greetings fall into this category. That's why Chinese New Year is so great, because as Capricorn mellows into gate 61, inspiring a deeper inner truth, we approach the cusp hexagram of 60 with Aquarius, and right about now, this newsletter comes toward its readiness.

Studying transits

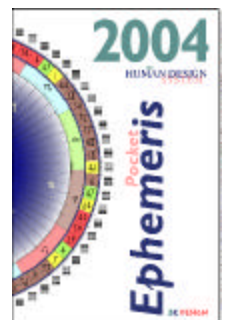
It is helpful and important to experientially identify how the planets in your chart are affecting you. This can be aided by the observation of planetary transits. Mars begins 2004 in Mars-ruled Aries. What have you been observing these days? NASA has landed on the red planet to begin deeper exploration of the planet's surface, especially to hunt for water. I too have been exploring Mars energy more in the last few months, discovering a quality in myself that directly relates to the courage and persevering characteristics of this planet. If any of the Aries gates affect your chart by providing a definition, see if you can feel yourself more energized, more aggressive or assertive in that particular arena.

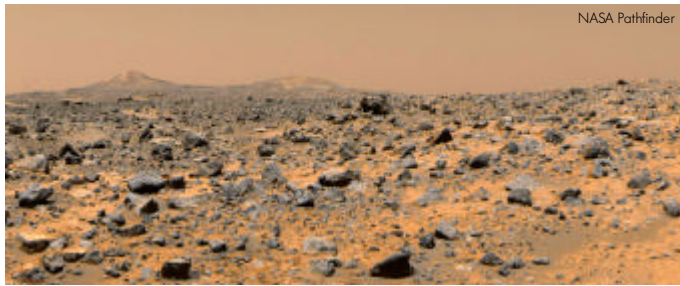
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For the longest time, I had mild disdain for the planet of war, seeing its qualities as where we are not particularly inclined to be reflective. But during an astrology conference last year, I met a number of women who talked with me about having my natal Mars in Scorpio and what a gift this can be for a woman. It began penetrating into my understanding that Mars activating gate 1 in my G center is a creative aspect that does not give up and does not give in, that doesn't let me get oppressed or downtrodden by fear. When I look back on what challenges I have faced, I see that this dauntless characteristic has served me well.

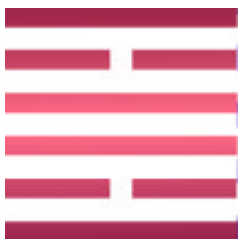
Accordingly, I have begun to look at Mars differently. I see how Mars is placed in the chart to identify whether that energy is operating and available. This lesson began seeping into other planets, as I would check the pair of activations (design and personality) for each of the planets to see what access a person has to the various qualities. It's quite fun and enormously useful in speaking with people about their charts.

Sun in Aquarius

As the Sun enters the sign of Aquarius, it helps to see what gates and centers it activates. Aquarius begins with gate 60, in line 4. It is the late pressure to mutate, to get fed up with some stagnation, that the 60 finally pushes, or initiates a change and mutation. It then is ready for the emotional evolution through 41, Decrease, where the Root requirement is to focus the emotional energy in order to (potentially) be aware, to recognize. Remaining in the Root just about six days longer, it transits next to gate 19, fuel of needing sensitivity in connecting, belonging to a greater Wholeness by being accepted.

The Aquarius Sun then moves into its G center gate 13. This is one of the main eight positions on the natural calendar (also the locations of all eight G gates), the mid-point between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox. Fellowship (gate 13) is a receptive identity gate that listens to others, potentially discovering the interconnectedness with others on the path to awakening to Self.

The next two gates take us into the Solar Plexus so that we might come into the evolutionary, Aquarian mandate to be emotionally aware. We first meet 49, revolution, which emotional awareness certainly represents, though at present, it is still more commonly operating on the motor-level of rejecting or accepting the needs of others, or bonding with others through possessiveness.



Gate 30 is a critical component in our understanding. Here we have the double trigram of the Clinging Fire. When you see a double trigram in a center, it is a clue for the meaning of the center itself. Fire is associated with Illumination. This trigram



Elements Of The Chart with Zeno

Over the last four years, I have gone through a metamorphosis in my understanding of a person's chart and its application to spiritual growth, or path of awakening. It's a completely simple way to enter into a conversation with someone that is holistic and rewarding. I feel very good to both be a practitioner and a trainer. While the Course in Human Design continues to be a great way to learn the mechanics, it's not the same as a class in person. I love teaching Design, so it is with great joy that I am scheduling an all-new basic workshop to be held on Leap Year Weekend, **Feb 27 – 29 in Taos.**

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is the only one that mentions anything like awakening and, as the Aquarian neighbor to Pisces, gate 30 is the gate we will enter when we precede out of the Age of Pisces into the Age of Aquarius.

Additionally, the Solar Plexus gates, with the exception of gate 6, all share the underlying trigram of the Clinging Fire. While the Pisces Solar Plexus gates connect in the Throat with Gemini (12, 35), Virgo in the Heart center (40), or Cancer in the Root (39), the Aquarius Solar Plexus gates connect with Aquarius gates in the Root.

These two Aquarius–Aquarius channels from the Root to the Solar Plexus imply that what begins with the pressure of Limitation to mutate progresses into the realization that to be aware emotionally is not about acting, or reacting. Being emotionally aware means that you experience the interconnectedness with others, eventually expanding into the interconnectedness with all things and beings. In this manner, the realization brings you into alignment with taking full responsibility for your impact on others and surrendering into a profound sense of remaining open when others impact you.

Wishing you a wonderful Monkey year ahead as you unfold and spiral onward on another orbit around the Sun.



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